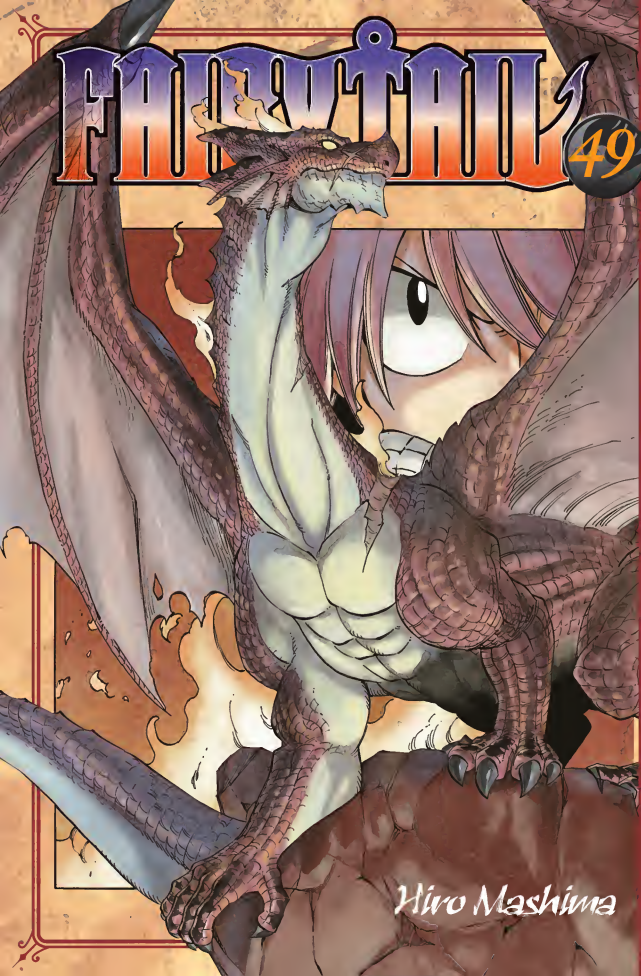


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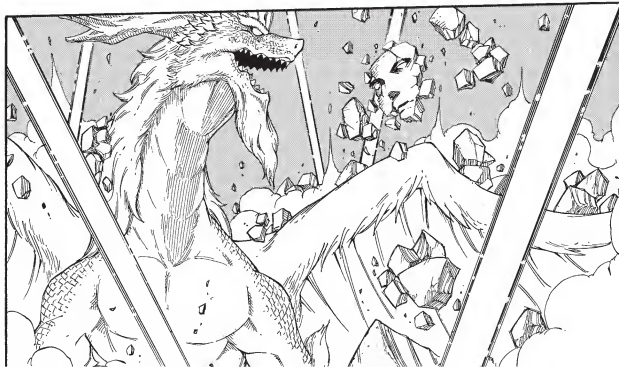
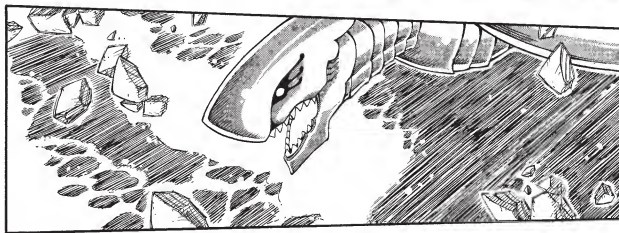
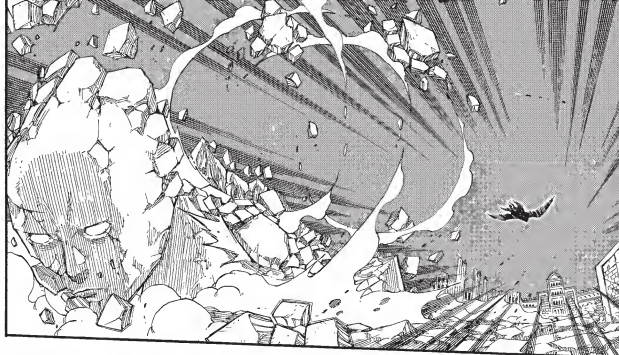
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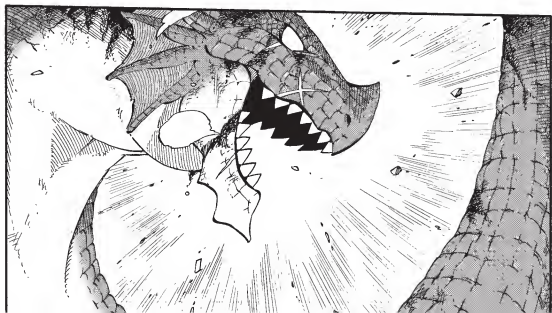
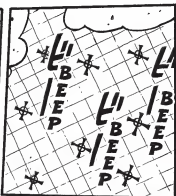
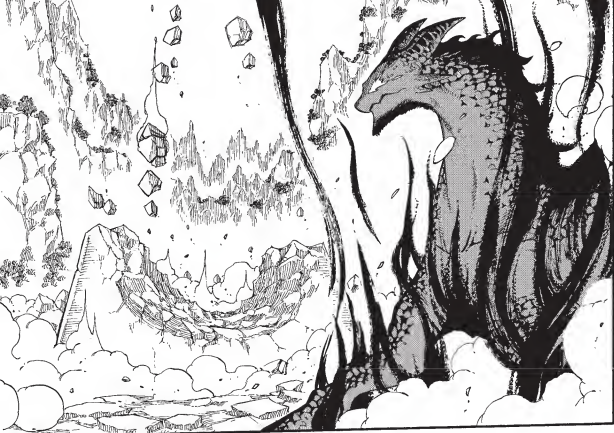
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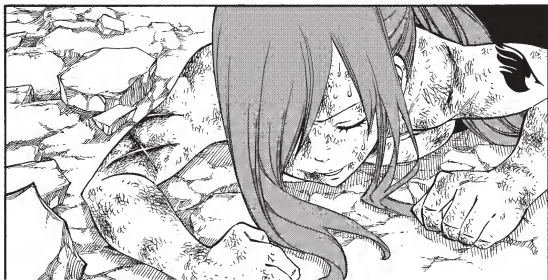
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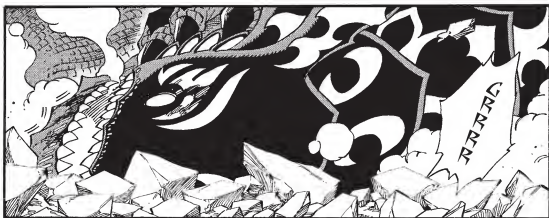




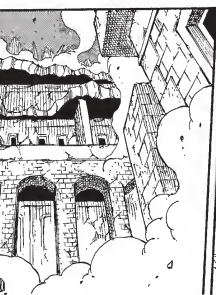
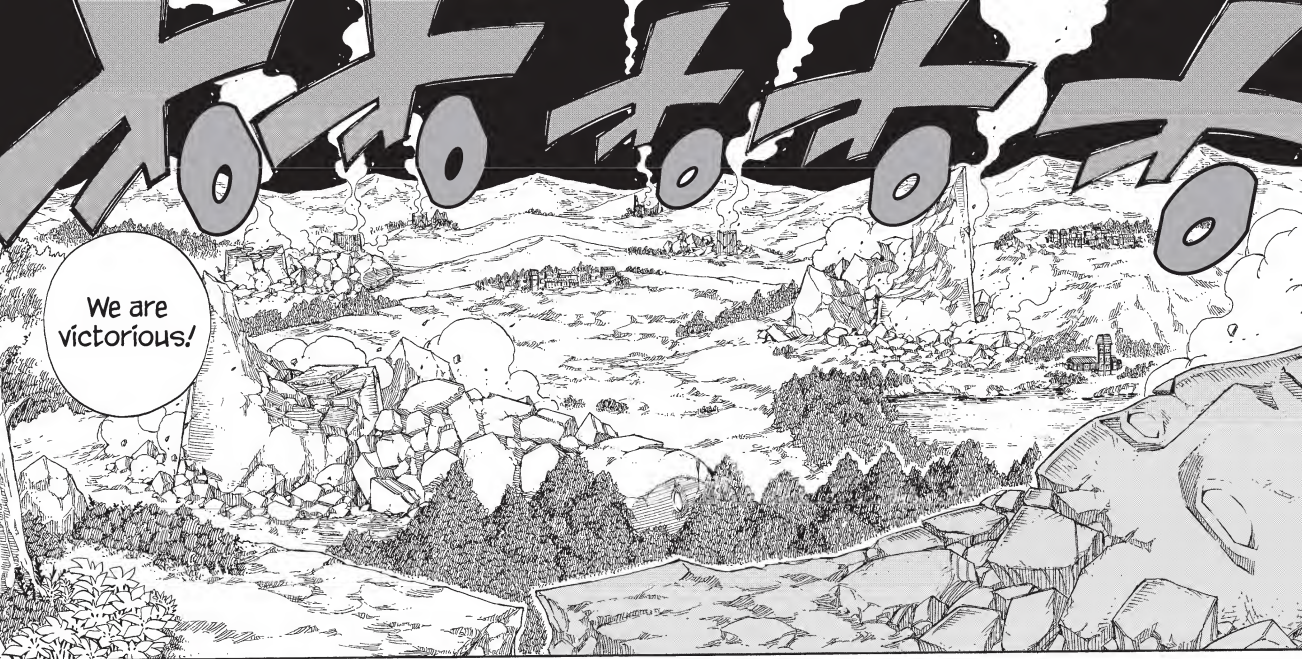
They blasted
all the Face
bombs on the
continent...

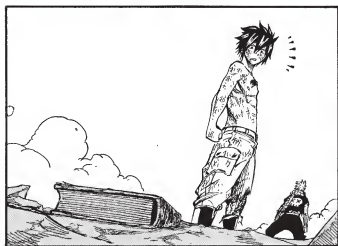


The
dragons...



We have
halted the
resurrection
of END!







As were
Skiadram,
Metalicana
and
Grandeeneey.



Weisslogia
was alive...?



To be more exact,
we used a secret
technique that
allowed us to lie
dormant within
your bodies.

We all lived in
you dragon
slayers.

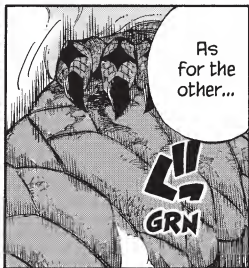
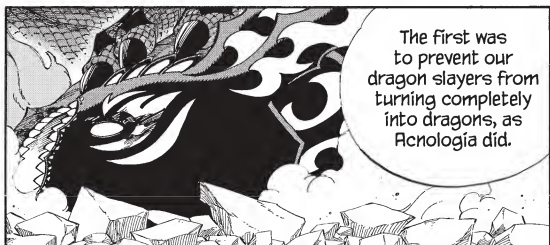


Why were
you inside our
bodies, anyway?
If I ever ate
you, I think I'd
remember!

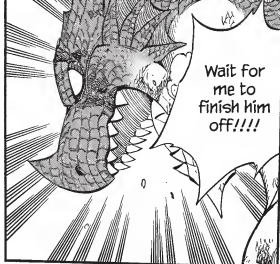
That's right!
You still
owe me an
explanation!



And when we felt
our hearts race,
that was when the
dragons awakened
inside us?





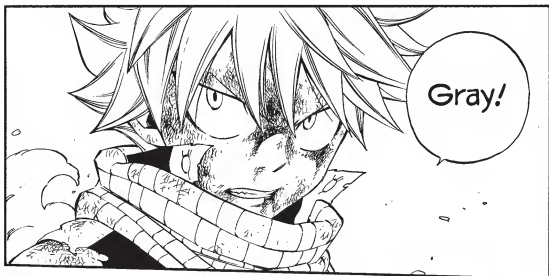




He's
probably
talking
about this.



Book?

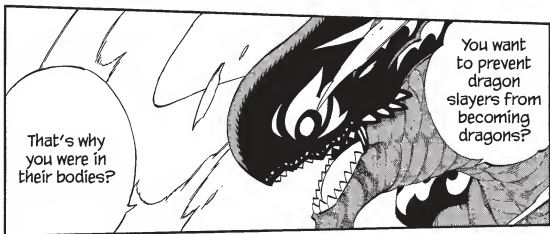


Gray!



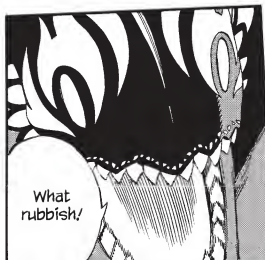
I made a
promise...

...to take
down END.





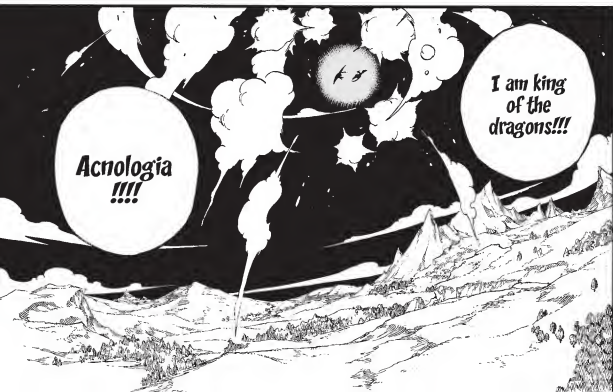
Forget the humans!!!!



What rubbish!



Feared? You think I would fear a mere demon?



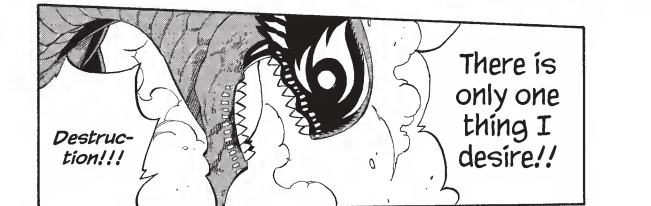
Acnologia
!!!!

I am king
of the
dragons!!!!



I will not let
Natsu and the
other slayers
turn out like
you!!!

You were
born a
human!!!

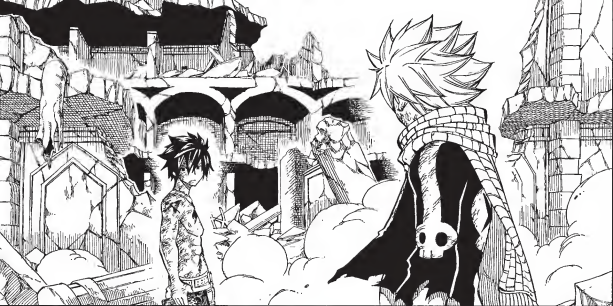


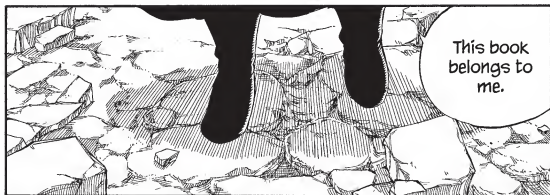
*Destruc-
tion!!!*

There is
only one
thing I
desire!!



**Destruction
!!!!**







It means
a lot to
me.



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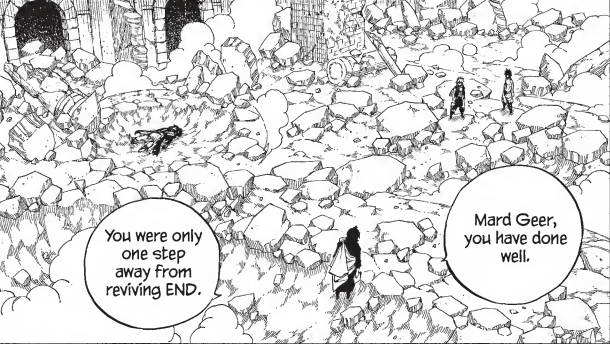
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Chapter 414: Drops of Fire











Huh?

I came here today to settle things with you.



But I don't need him anymore.



Or will a *miracle* take place? Even I can't say.

Will he end history again...?



But Acnologia had to interfere.



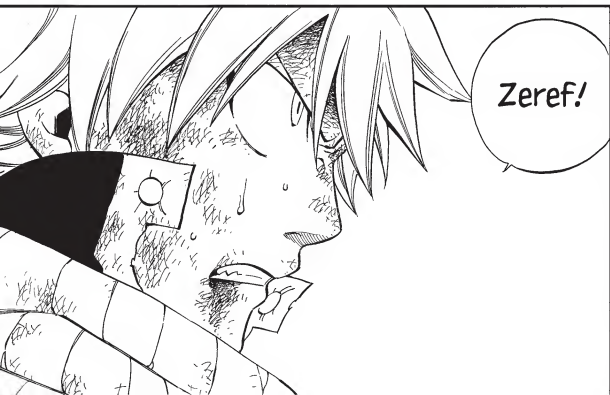
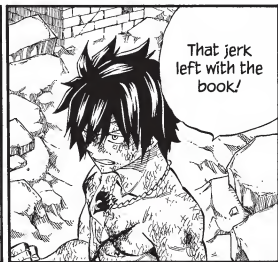
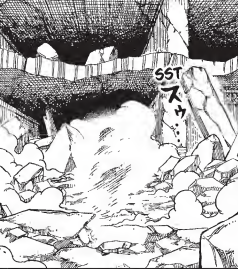
Well, if you can manage to survive...

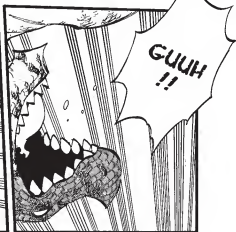
...this hopeless situation ...



What are you talking about?







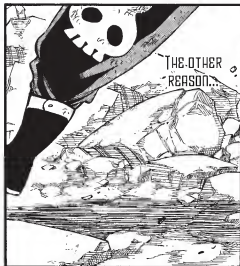
...INSIDE
OUR DRAGON
SLAYERS'
BODIES.

THERE ARE
TWO REASONS
WHY WE
DRAGONS
WERE...

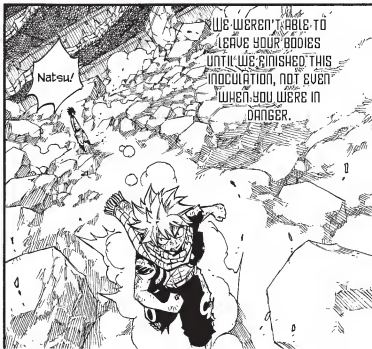
WE HAVE CREATED
DEFENSES WITHIN
YOU THAT SHOULD
PREVENT THAT FROM
EVER HAPPENING.



THE FIRST
WAS, AS I
SAID, TO KEEP
YOU FROM
TURNING INTO
DRAGONS
YOURSELVES.



THE OTHER
REASON...



Natsu!

WE WEREN'T ABLE TO
LEAVE YOUR BODIES
UNTIL WE FINISHED THIS
INOCULATION, NOT EVEN
WHEN YOU WERE IN
DANGER.

You said
you'd tell me
this stuff
after it was
all over,
right?

...WAS SO I COULD
PERSONALLY DEFEAT
OUR TERRIBLE
LEGACY... ACNOLOGIA.

I WAS
WAITING
FOR MY
CHANCE.

TUMP

TUMP

DON'T!!
STAY
BACK!!

I'm coming
to help you
out!!!

Just
wait up,
Igneel!!!

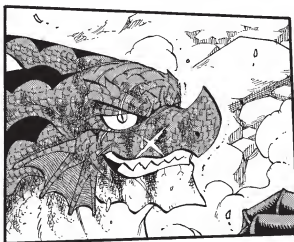
I don't
care!!!

ACNOLOGIA... IS
STRONGER THAN I
EXPECTED...

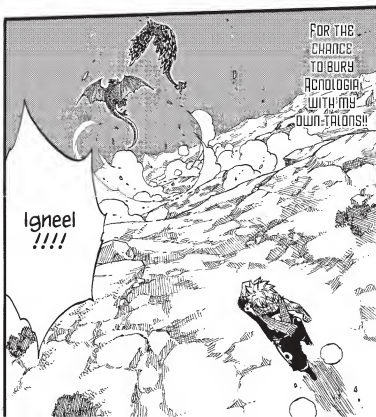
I DON'T
WANT YOU
TO GET
CAUGHT UP
IN THIS!



**Igneel, if we
team up, there
ain't nothing
that can beat
us!!!!**



GAAH!

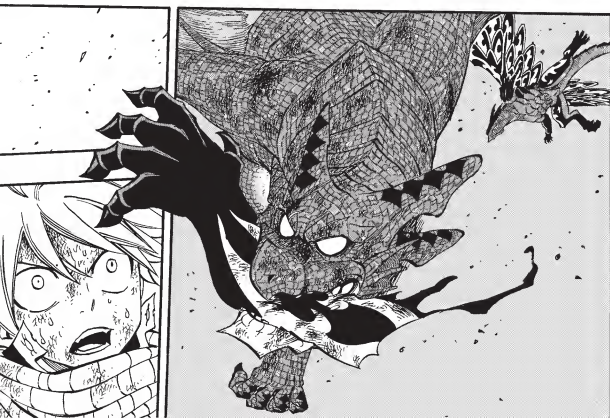
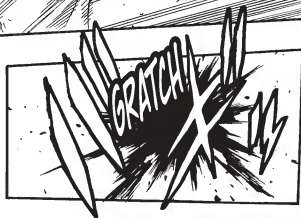


**Igneel
!!!!**

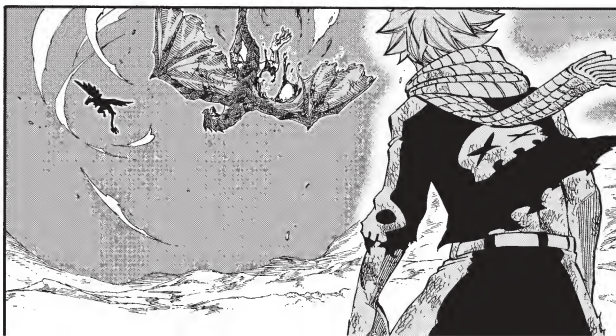
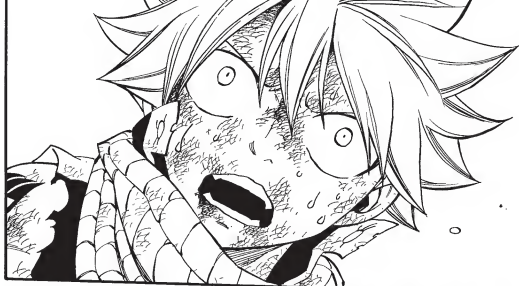
**FOR THE
CHANCE
TO BURY
ACNOLOGIA
WITH MY
OWN TALONS!!**



**I'VE WAITED
FOR THIS
MOMENT!**



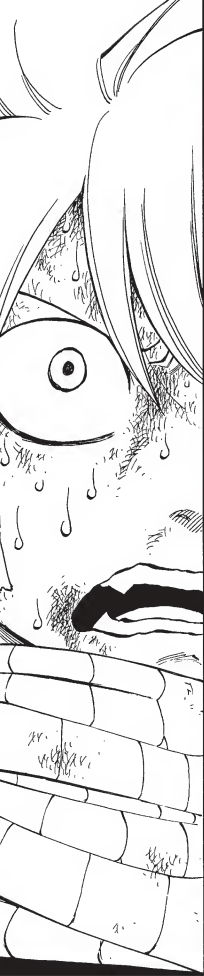




Natsu...

I was
watching over
you all along,
as you grew
up!

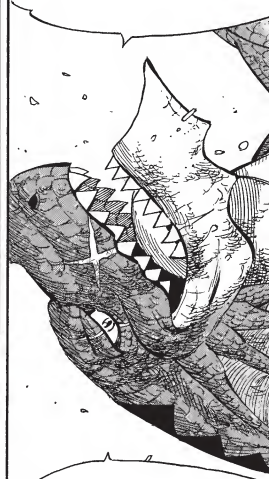
You've
gotten so...
big and
strong...



You gave
me the
strength
that comes
from loving
someone.



The days I
spent with
you...



...were the
happiest of
my life.



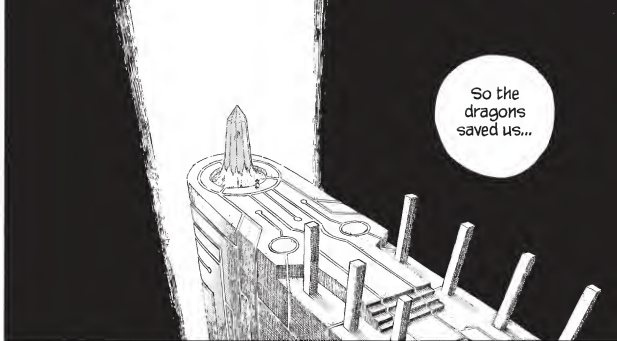
IGN
E
E
E
E
E
EL!!!

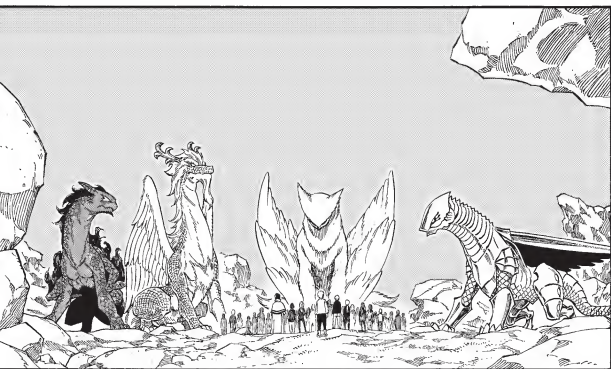
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Chapter 415: That Is the Power of Life









Ignel's efforts, and the courage of all of you here, have turned Achologia away.



Th-That was amazing!!

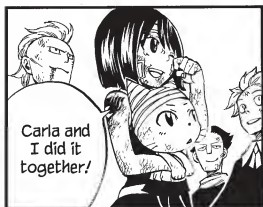
ざわ
CHATTER

You managed to destroy all the Face bombs?

ざわ
CHATTER

You got that right!

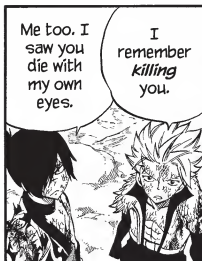
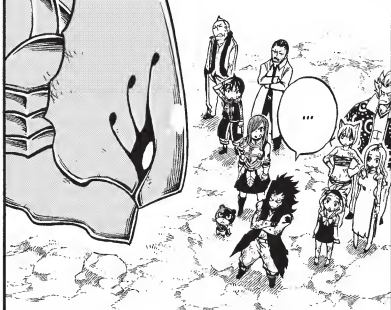
With dragons on our side, I feel like we could do anything!



Carla and I did it together!



You did very well too, destroying a Face bomb yourself.



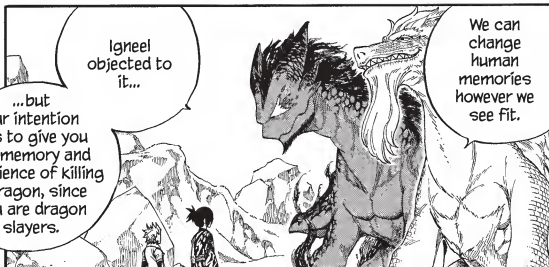
Me too. I saw you die with my own eyes.

I remember *killing* you.



AW, SHADDAP!

You still got that evil glare.



Igneel objected to it...

...but our intention was to give you the memory and experience of killing a dragon, since you are dragon slayers.

We can change human memories however we see fit.



Long ago, Acnologia used a type of Dragon Slayer Magic that stripped our souls from our bodies.



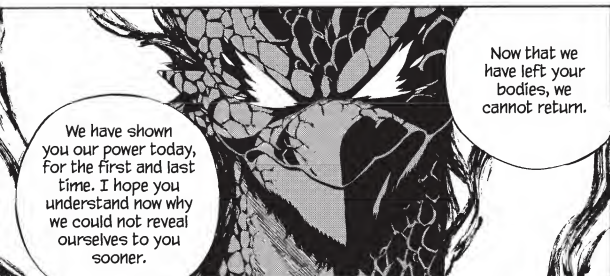


But...

So one other reason we were inside you...

...was to extend our own lives.

...besides defeating Acnologia and keeping you from becoming dragons yourselves...



We have shown you our power today, for the first and last time. I hope you understand now why we could not reveal ourselves to you sooner.

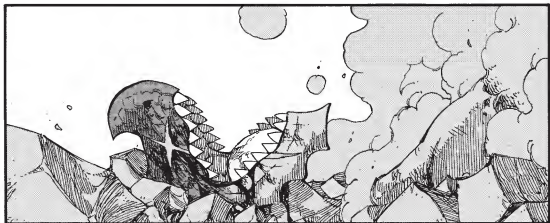
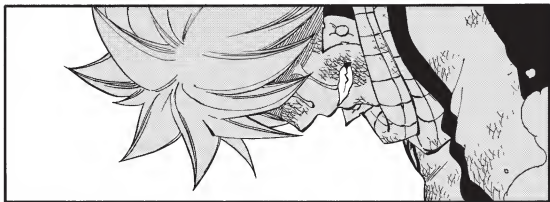
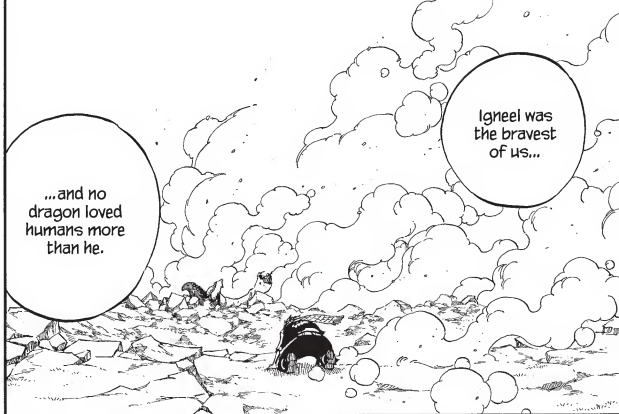
Now that we have left your bodies, we cannot return.

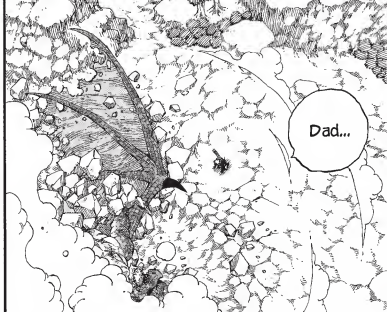


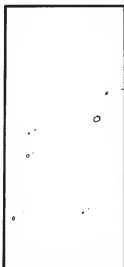
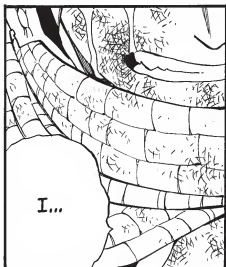
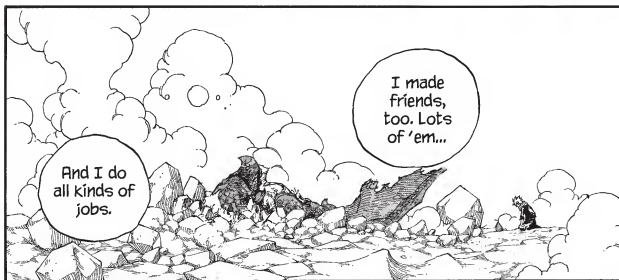
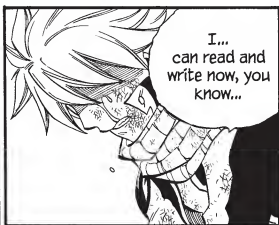
Humans, please do not let this tarnish the majesty of the Fire Dragon King.

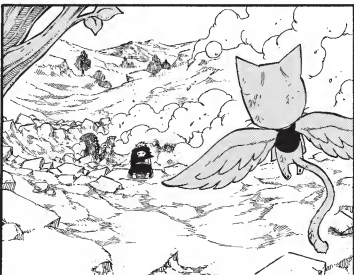
Not even Igneel could defeat Acnologia.

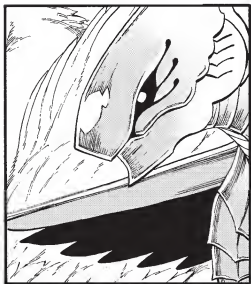
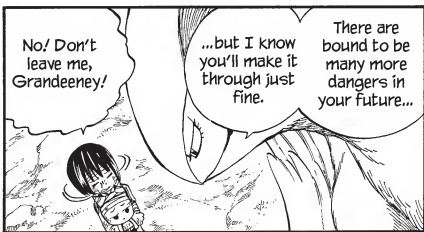
He used the last of his strength to deal him what damage he could.





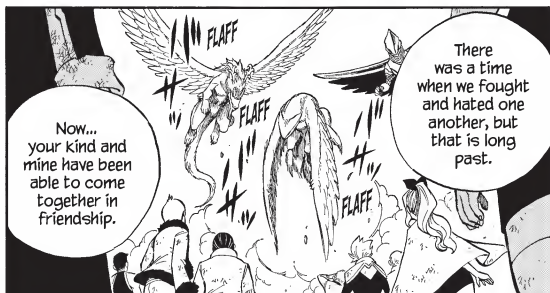








Humans...



Now...
your kind and
mine have been
able to come
together in
friendship.

There
was a time
when we fought
and hated one
another, but
that is long
past.



From now on,
the future will
be in human
hands.



The world
is now one
step closer
to the end of
the age of
dragons.



The
Magna
Carta!

Four hundred
years ago, we
dragons made
a compact with
you humans...



We dragons
will watch
over you
humans...

...
forever-
more!!!



I love you,
Wendy.

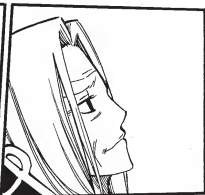


**Grandeeney
!!!!**



*Those are
your last
words?!*

Keep
that evil
glare.



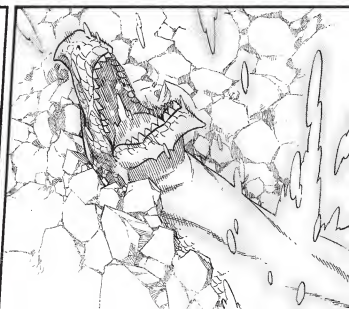
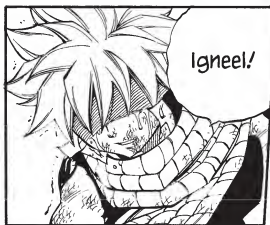
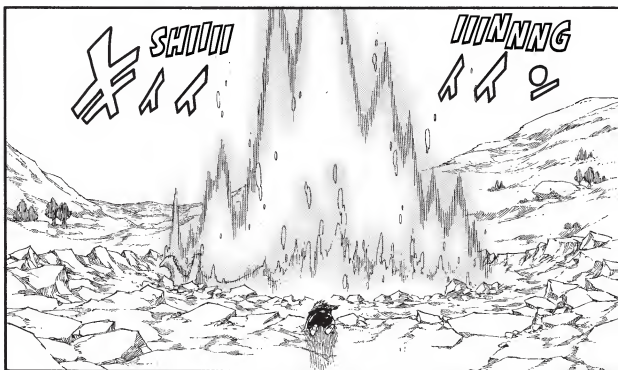
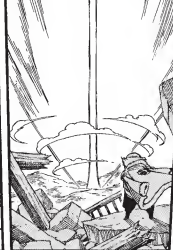
Thank you,
Weïsslogia!



Skiadram!



Dammit...



...
WHEN
YOU'RE
FEELING
SAD.

YOU
REMEMBER...
I TOLD YOU
WHAT TO
DO...



DON'T CRY,
NATSU...

SHFF

Okay.

FIRST,
YOU NEED
TO STAND
UP.

GO ON.
TRY IT.

Yeah...

I
KNOW.

SHOW ME
HOW YOU
LIVE!

Right.

SO SHOW ME
MORE! SHOW ME
HOW YOU KEEP
ON GROWING!



I AM
ALWAYS
WITH
YOU.

I ALWAYS
HAVE
BEEN, AND
I ALWAYS
WILL BE.



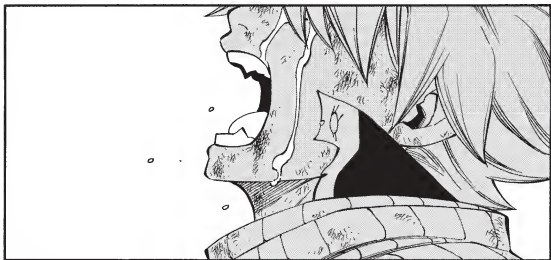
**I'm
gonna
live a lot
more!!!!**

**And I'm
gonna take
Acnologia
down!!!!**

**I'm
gonna
get loads
stronger
!!!!**

YES!

LOOK TO THE
FUTURE!



THAT IS THE
POWER OF LIFE!



It's been
a week...

...and we're
still nursing
the raw
wounds from
our battle
with Tartaros.

FAIRY TAIL



But it isn't
the only one.
Other towns
also suffered
when the Face
bombs went
off.



The town of
Magnolia
is in ruins,
including
our guild.

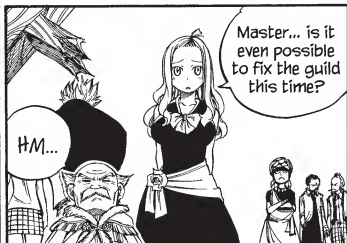
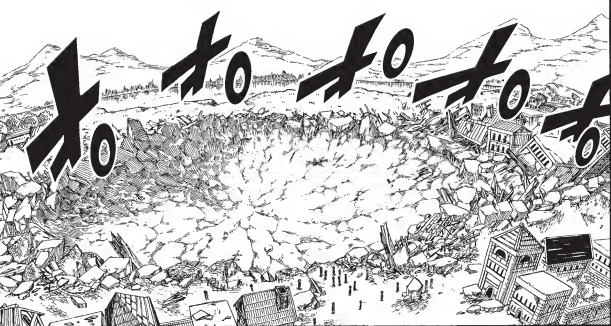


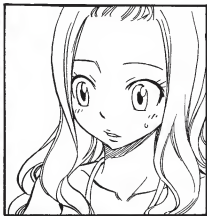
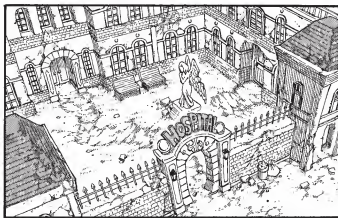
And not
all of our
wounds
are on the
outside...

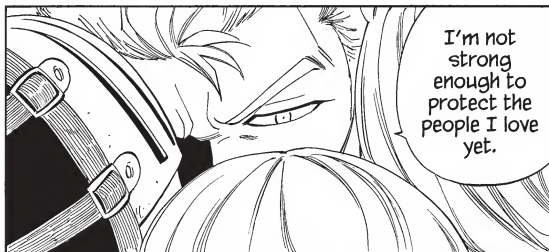
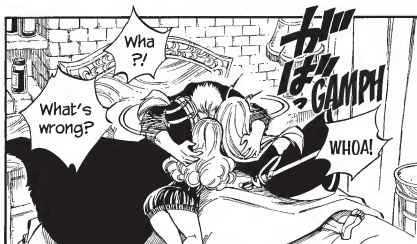


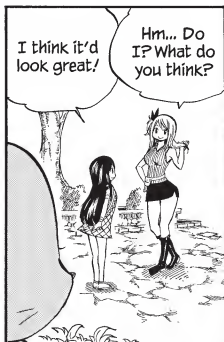
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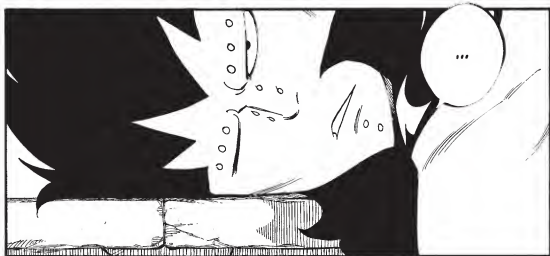
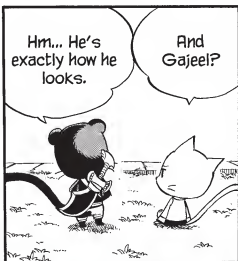
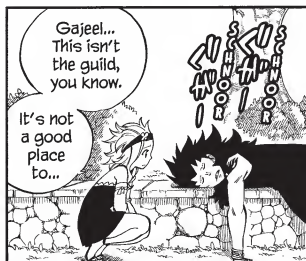
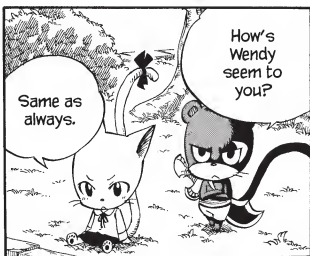


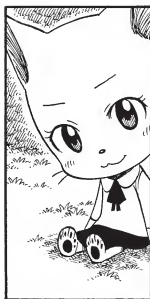
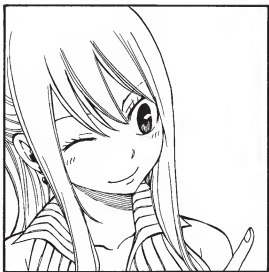


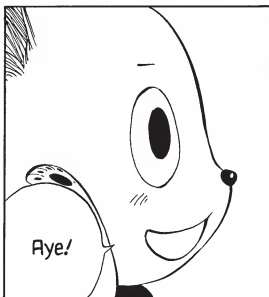
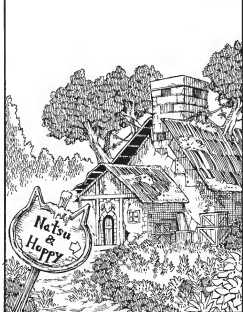
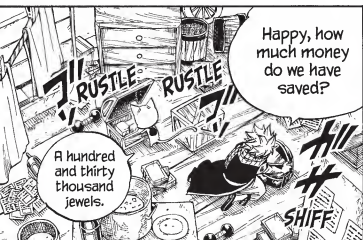


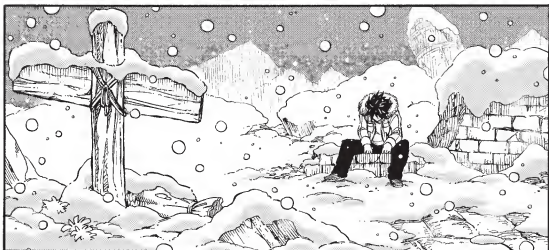
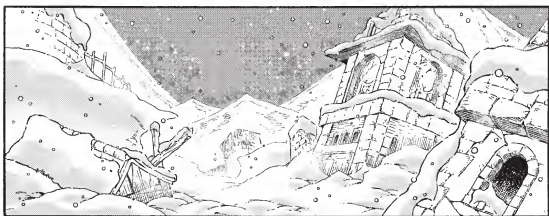
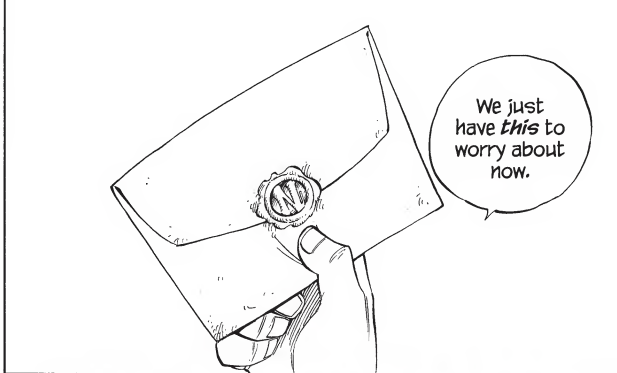


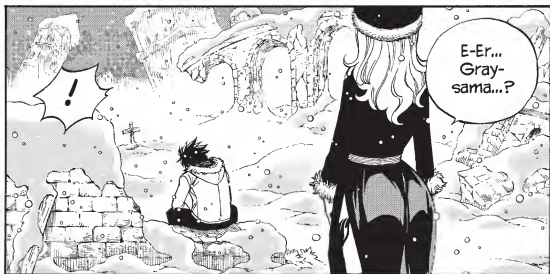




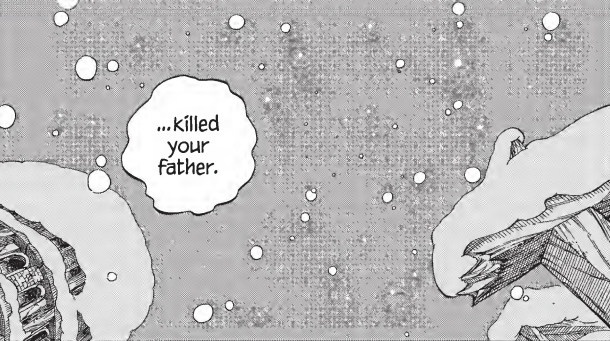








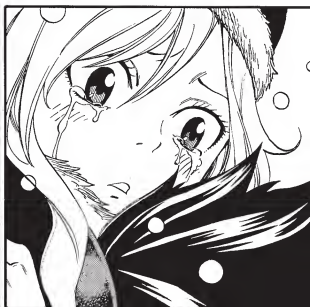


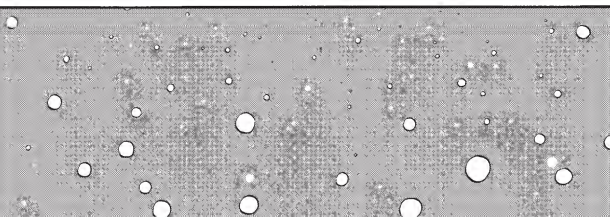
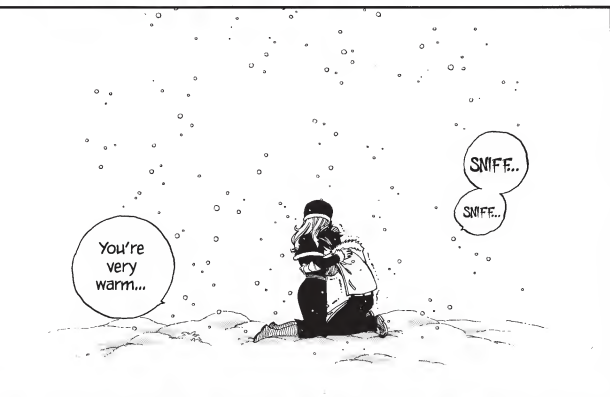


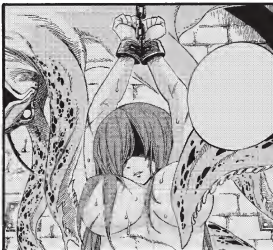
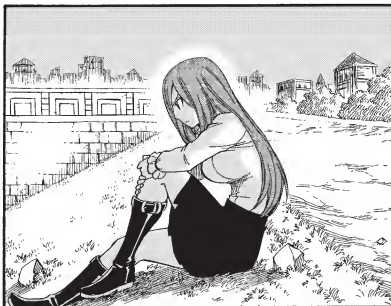
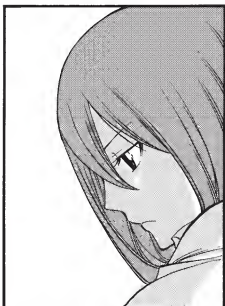
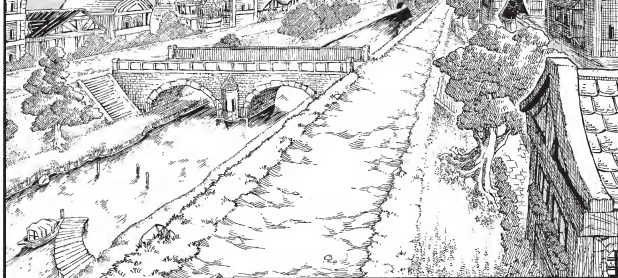
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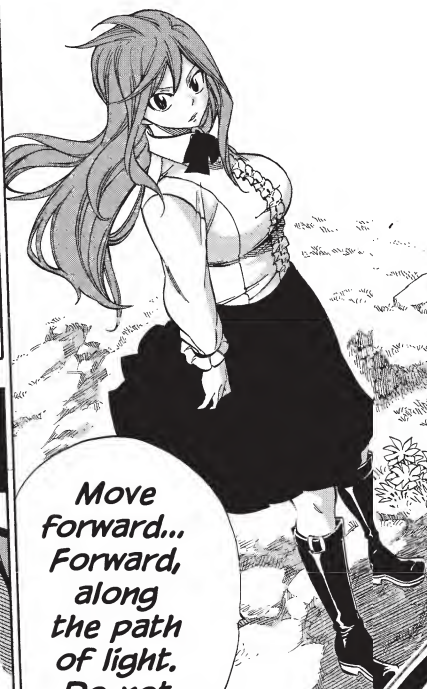
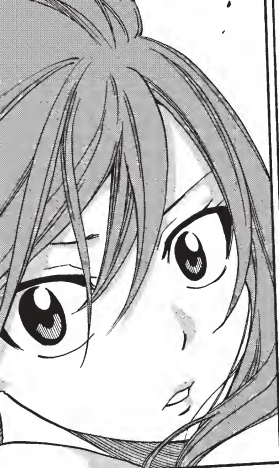
Thank
you.











*Move
forward...
Forward,
along
the path
of light.
Do not
waver.*



*You
understand
both human
strength
and human
weakness.*

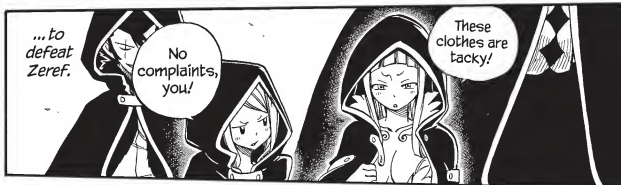
*As for us,
we will travel
the path of
darkness...*



*...to
defeat
Zeref.*

No
complaints,
you!

These
clothes are
tacky!



Fill me in
later, okay?
I wanna
know, too.

He
thinks he's
so cool,
doesn't
he?

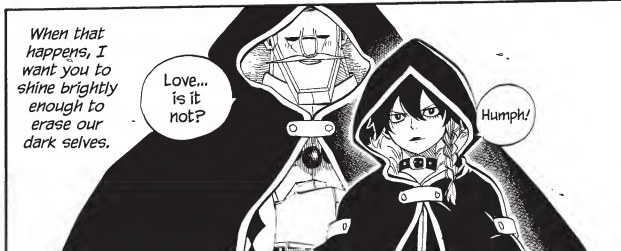
*However,
your path
may one
day meet
ours.*

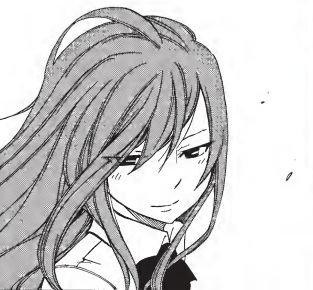


*When that
happens, I
want you to
shine brightly
enough to
erase our
dark selves.*

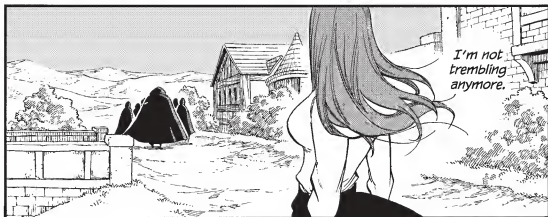
Love...
is it
not?

Humph!





Move
forward,
Erza!



I'm not
trembling
anymore.

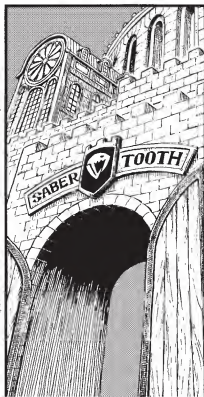


Not to
mention...

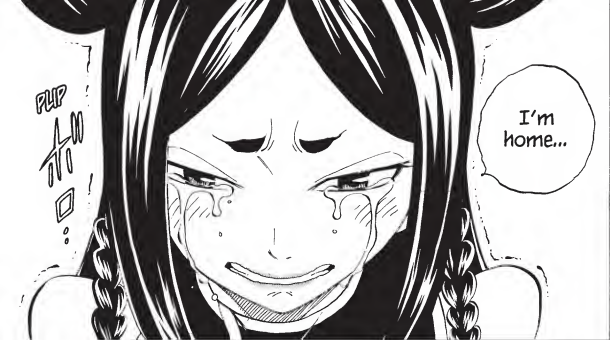


Lecter
and
Frosch
as well.

Hey, Sting
and Rogue
are back!

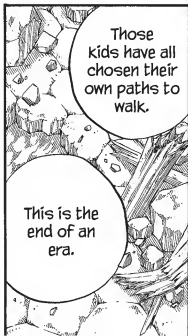
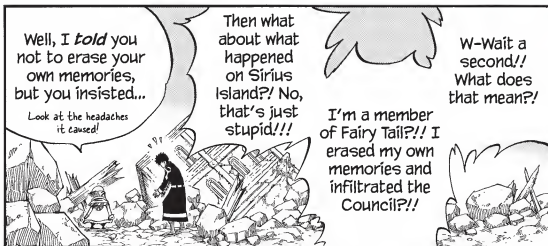
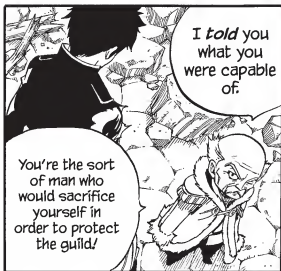






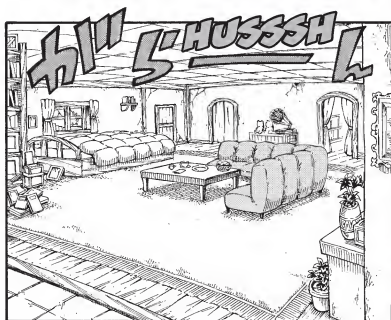
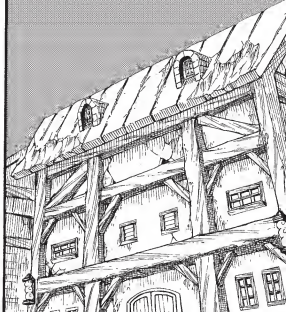






*I'm going
to disband
Fairy Tail.*



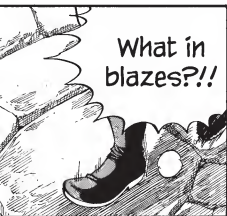


**WE'LL BE
BACK IN
ABOUT A
YEAR.**



**ME AND
HAPPY'RE
GOING ON
A TRAINING
JOURNEY.**

**What in
blazes?!!**



ZOOM!

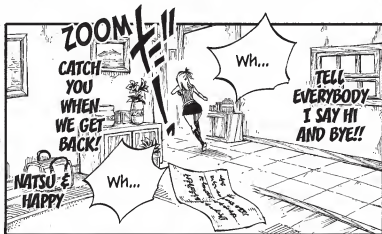
**CATCH
YOU
WHEN
WE GET
BACK!**

**NATSU &
HAPPY**

Wh...

Wh...

**TELL
EVERYBODY
I SAY HI
AND BYE!!**



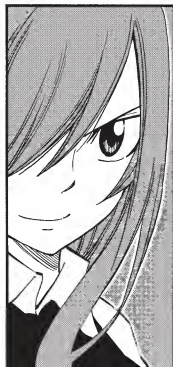
**Doesn't
he
know...**



**Taking
off on a
journey?!!!!
What is he
thinking?!!**

**Doesn't
he...**

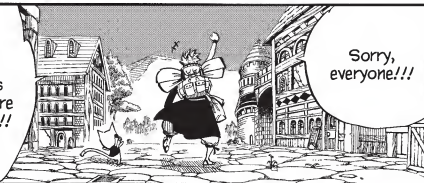




Spread
your wings
and fly,
brats!

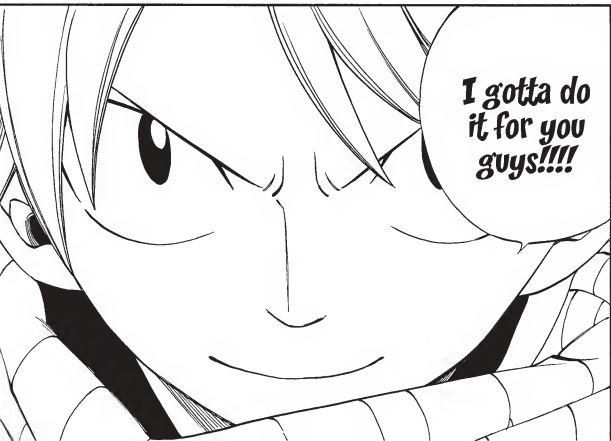


But I gotta
get lots, lots
stronger before
I come back!!!



Sorry,
everyone!!!

**I gotta do
it for you
guys!!!!**





Or, should I
say, END...
Etherious
Natsu
Dragneel!

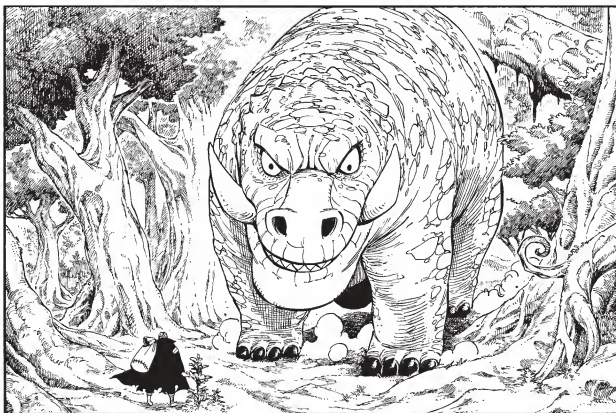
Go on... Try
to surpass
me, Natsu...

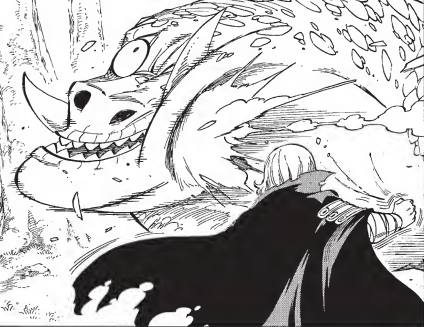
FAIRY TAIL

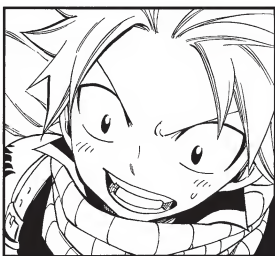
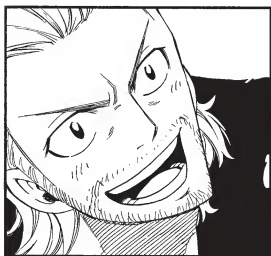
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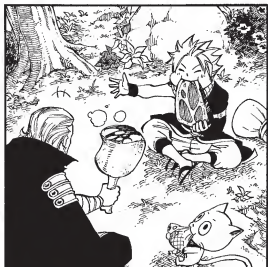
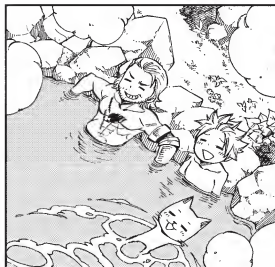
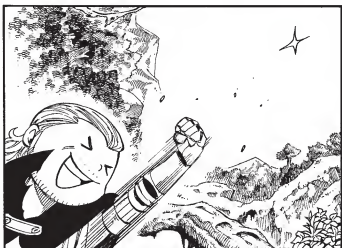
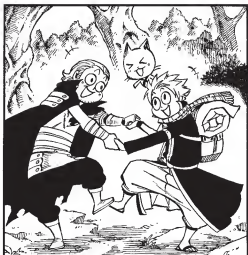
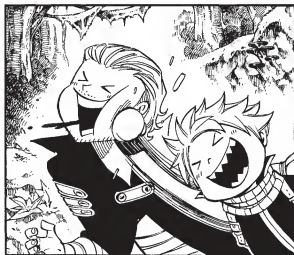
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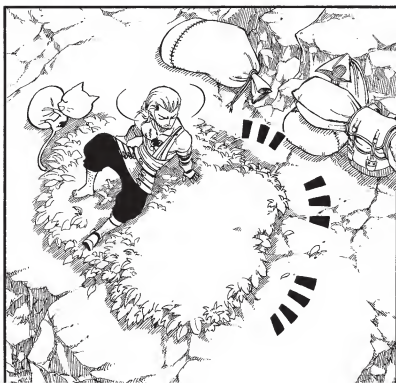
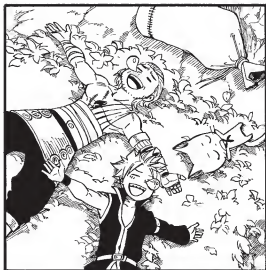


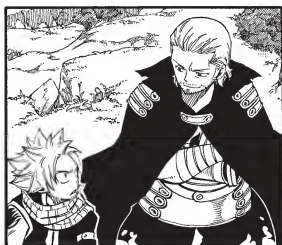
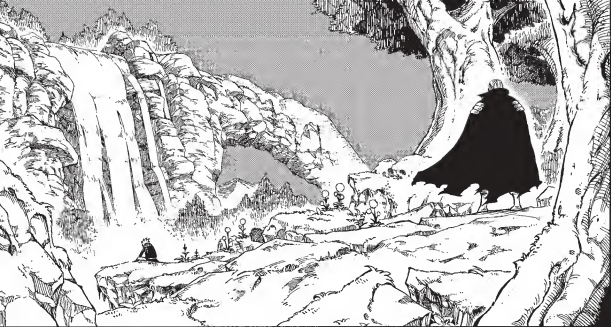


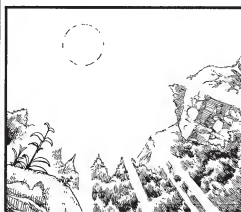
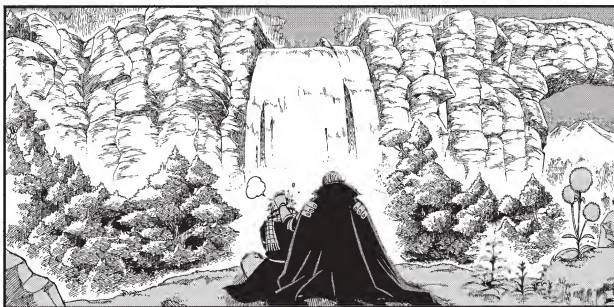


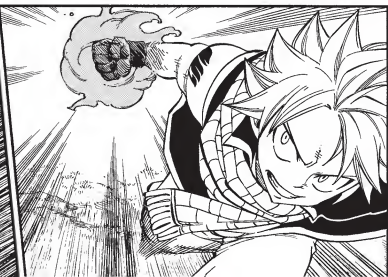
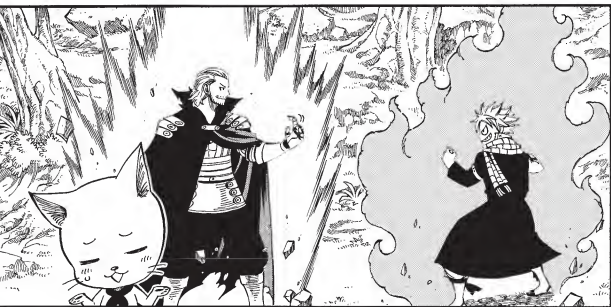
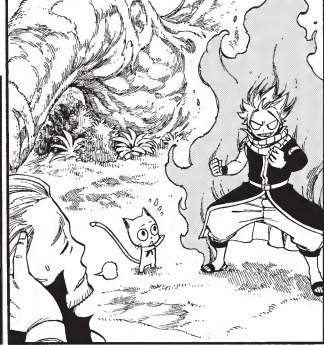


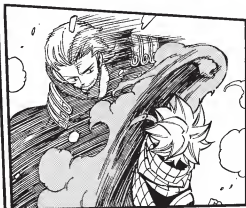
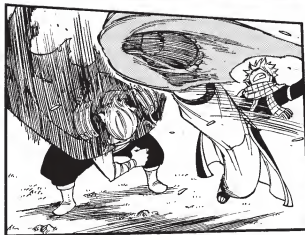


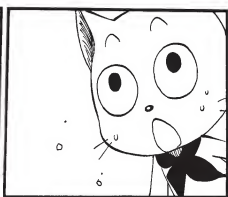


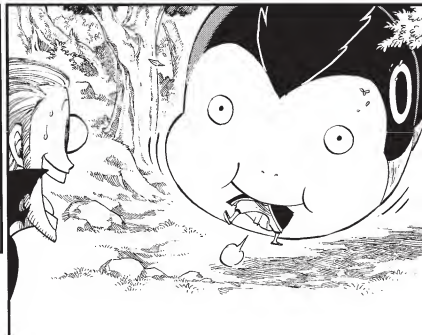
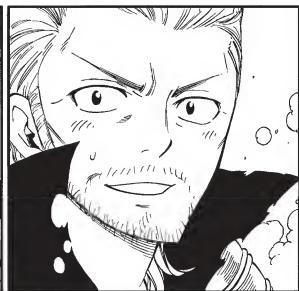
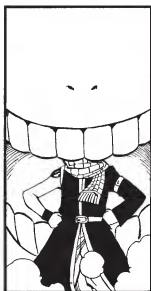
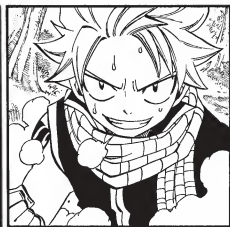
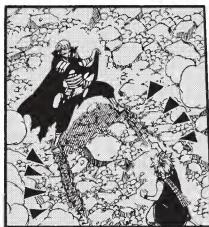


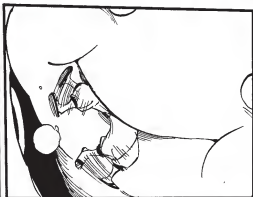


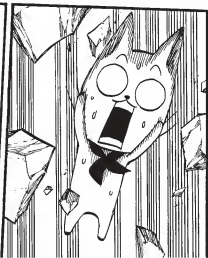
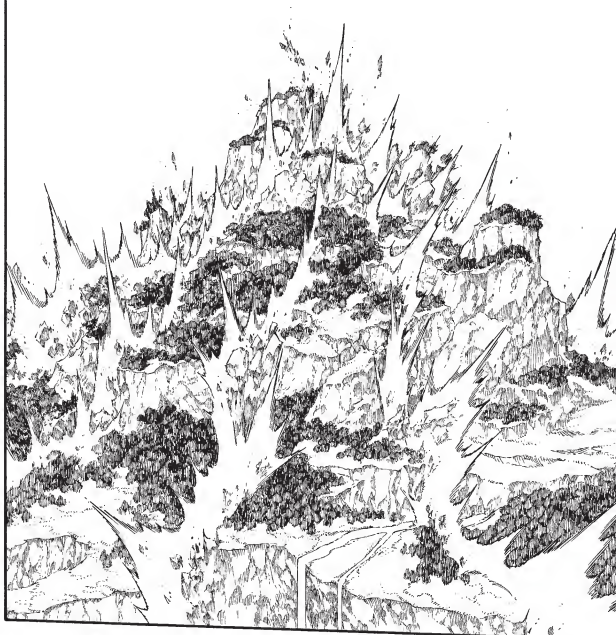


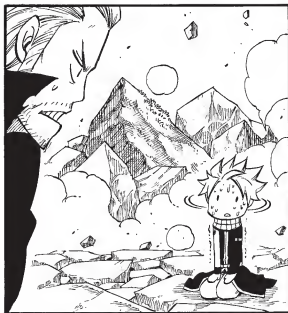
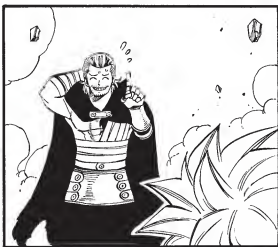
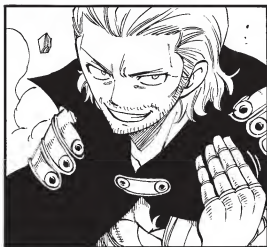
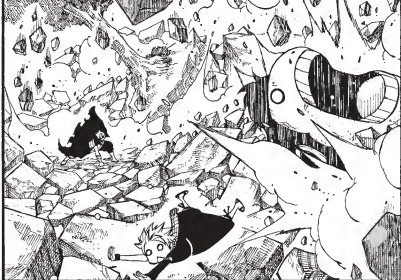


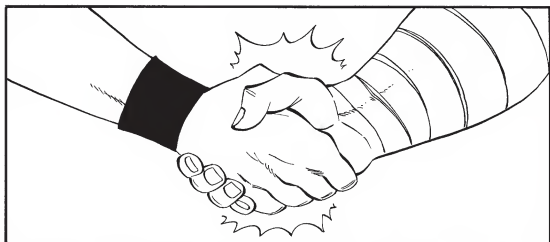


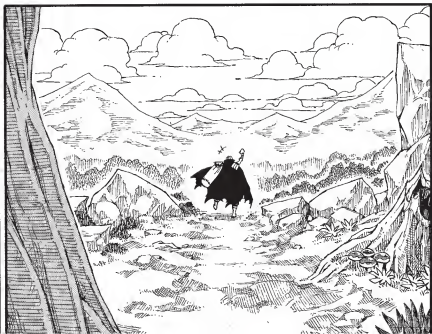
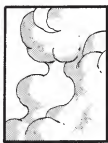
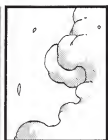
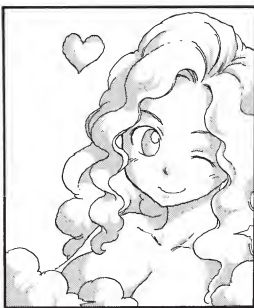
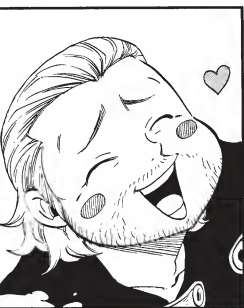
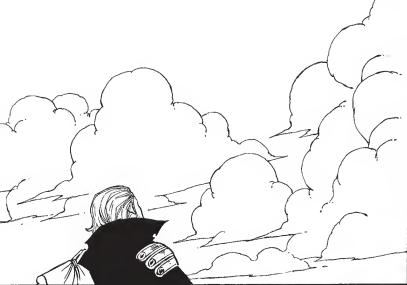


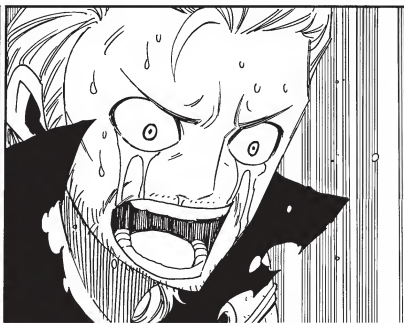
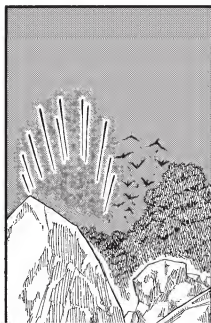
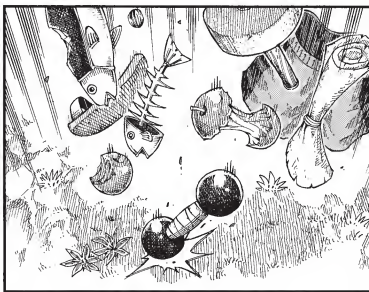
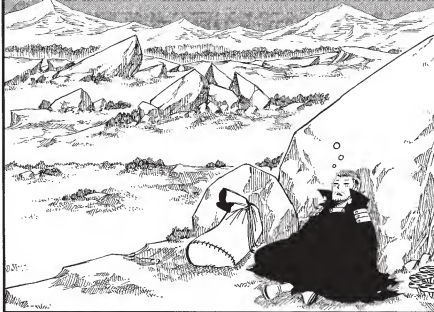
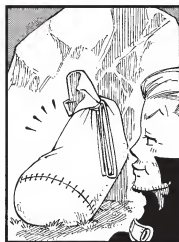


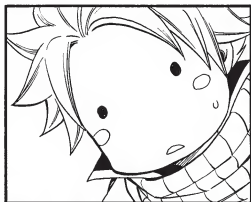


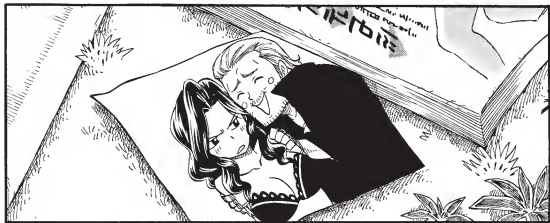
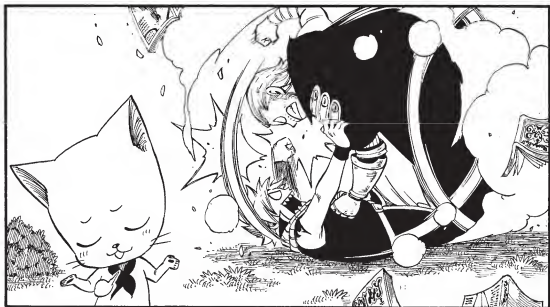
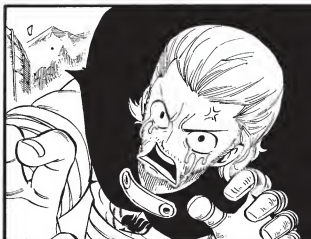
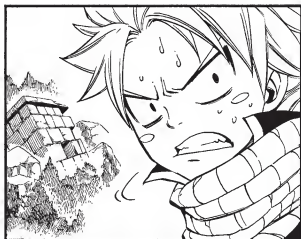


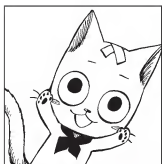












 FAIRYTAIL







Chapter 418: Challenger



X792,
one year
after the
battle with
Tartaros

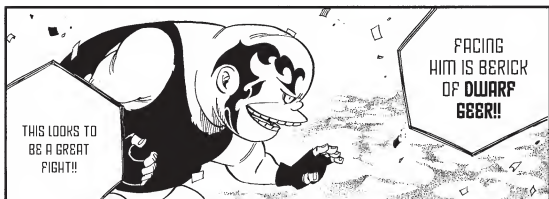
Crocus,
the
capital





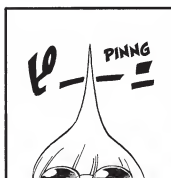
I CAN'T WAIT TO
SEE HOW HE'LL
WOW US TODAY!!

HERE WE HAVE THE MAN
WHO'S BEEN DOMINATING
THIS YEAR'S GAMES, CRISHAK,
REPRESENTING HIS GUILD,
DULLAHAN HEAD!!



THIS LOOKS TO
BE A GREAT
FIGHT!!

FACING
HIM IS BERICK
OF **DWARF
GEER!!**



Well,
Crishak
really ish
a powerful
wizard,
right?

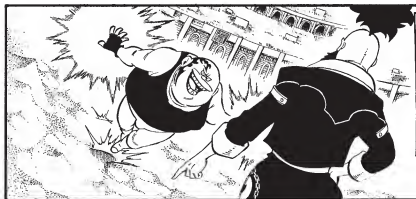
OUR COLOR
COMMENTATOR
IS YAJIMA-SAN!
WHAT DO YOU THINK
WE SHOULD LOOK
FOR IN THIS FIRST
MATCH?



After
what
happened
last
year...

**Cool
!!!**

Then
let's get all
pumped up
and write the
best article
ever!!!



I'm now
working as
an editor (in
training) at
the Weekly
Sorcerer.

...and
then, the
very next
day, the
guild was
disbanded.

First,
Natsu and
Happy just
up and
left...

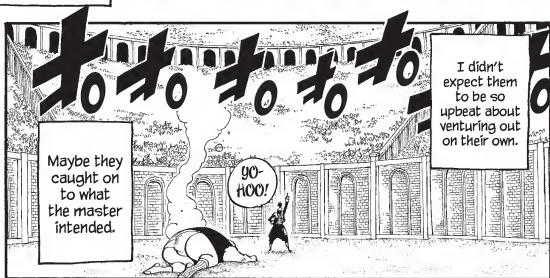
But... the others started finding their own paths.



I couldn't handle it all, so I got kinda depressed for a while.

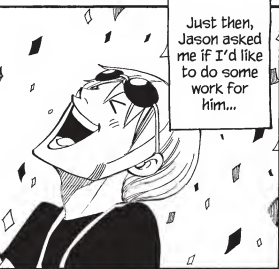


Maybe they caught on to what the master intended.



I didn't expect them to be so upbeat about venturing out on their own.

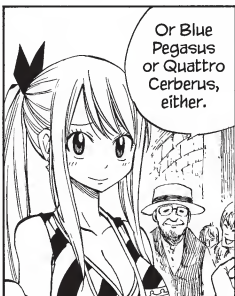
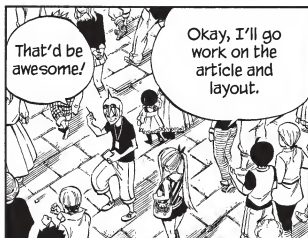
Just then, Jason asked me if I'd like to do some work for him...

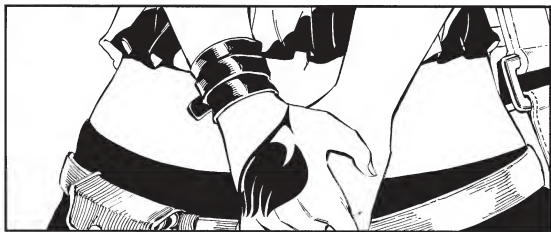


So I figured I should go my own way too.











Well,
I'm
pretty
busy.



This whole
year...
I haven't
been in
contact with
any of them.

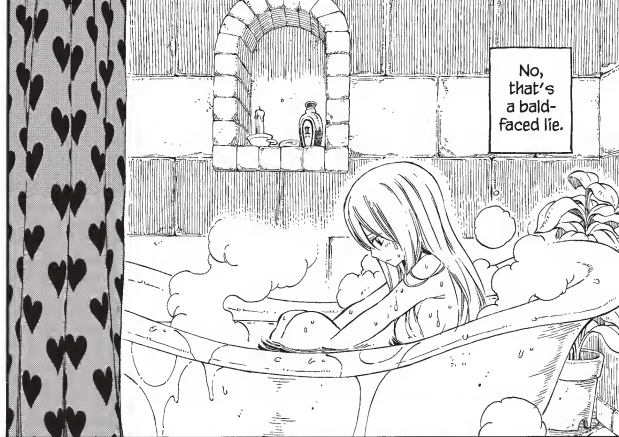


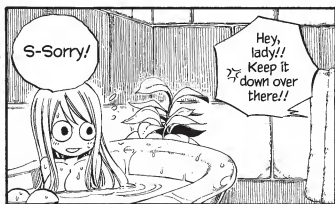
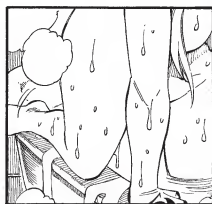
Maybe I'd
rather not
see them...

...living
their new
lives.



Naw...
That's
just an
excuse.





... so we
can get
back
together
again!

PUUN!

TODAY
PICKUP

Ezra

Gray

Nab

Mirajane
Lisanna

Wendy

Levy

Wendy

Cathy

Still a big
fat zero on
Natsu and
Happy, huh?

I've been
looking for my
ex-guildmates
this entire
year...

SKREE

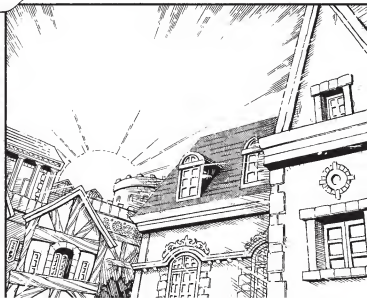
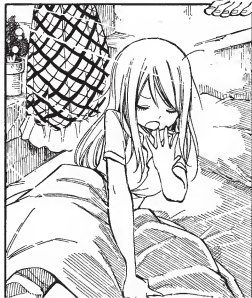
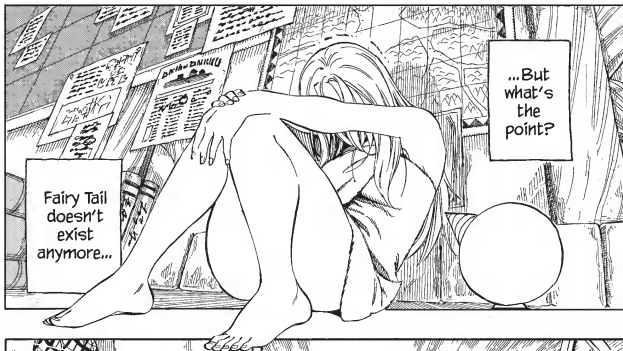
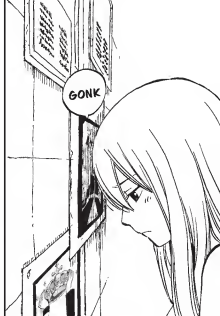
Gajeel

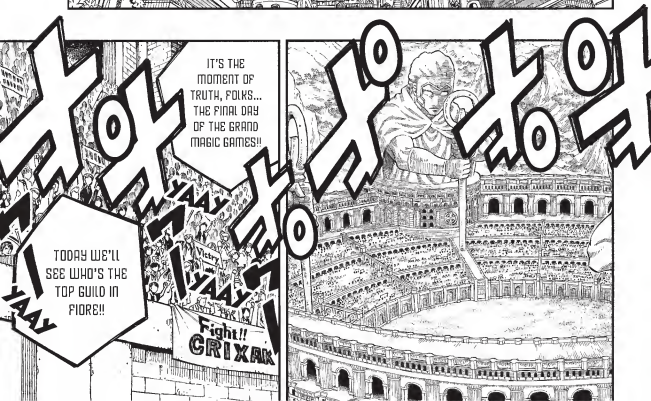
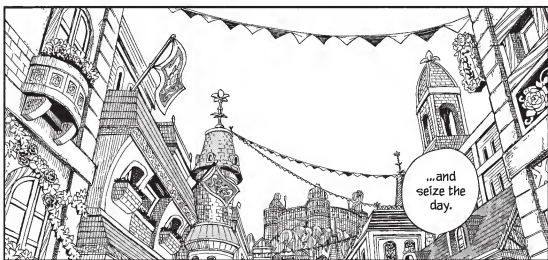
Droy

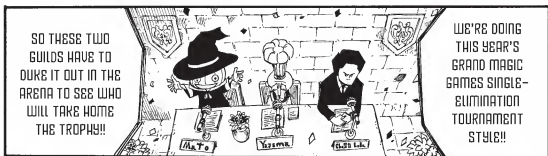
Jat

ANOTHER
GUILD

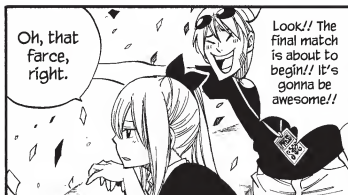
CHURCH







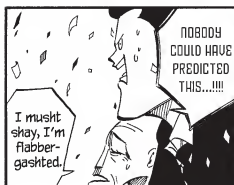
Shirt: "Big"





And the
winner is...
Scarmiglione
!!

By an
enormous
margin!!



NBODDY
COULD HAVE
PREDICTED
THIS.....!!

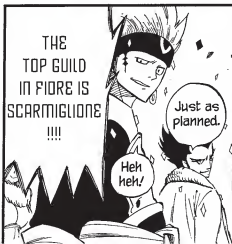
I musht
shay, I'm
flabber-
gashted.



Cooooool
!!!



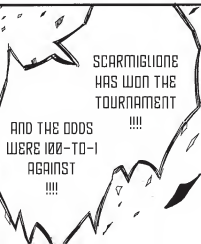
And
now, the
richest,
too.



THE
TOP GUILD
IN FIORE IS
SCARMIGLIONE
!!!!

Just as
planned.

Heh
heh!



SCARMIGLIONE
HAS WON THE
TOURNAMENT
!!!!

AND THE ODDS
WERE 100-TO-1
AGAINST
!!!!

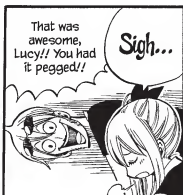


OH!! THERE'S A MURMURING IN THE STADIUM...

WHAT'S GOING ON ...?



They are strong, but for these guys to represent the best Fiore has to offer...



That was awesome, Lucy!! You had it pegged!!

Sigh...



Who are you supposed to be?

SOME SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER HAS ENTERED THE ARENA...



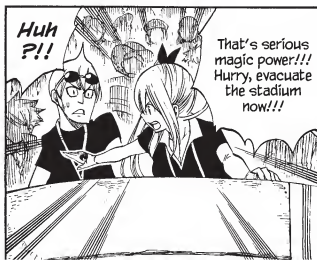
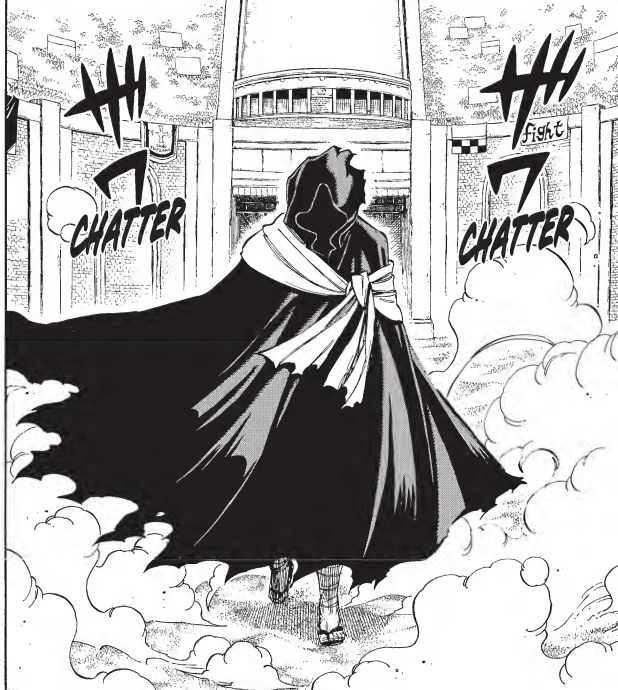
CHATTER

CHATTER

I WONDER WHAT THIS IS?



Some kind of intruder ?!!







*I'm the
challenger
!!!*

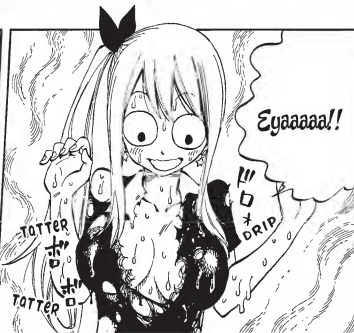
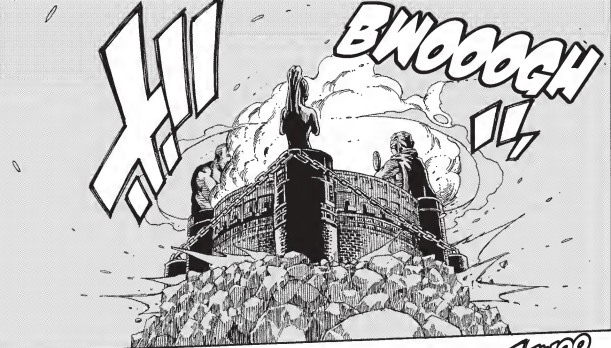
KWA

A

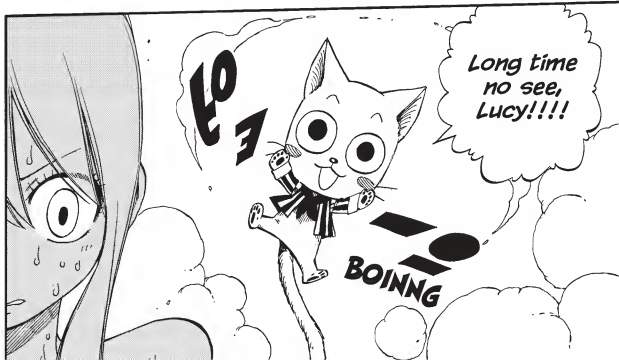
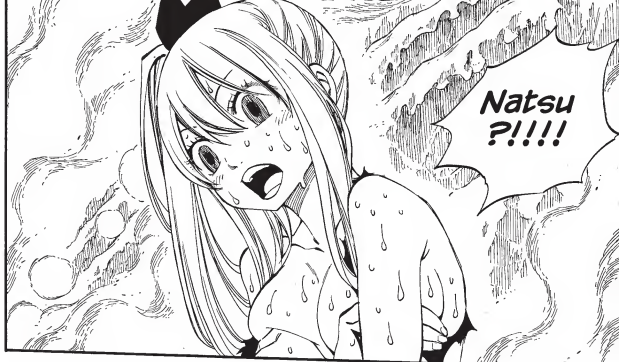


AND NOW HE'S
ATTACKING
THEM!!!

We have to
round up any
wizards who
can fight!!









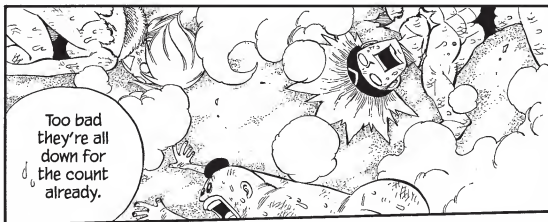
You know...
Natsu's had
his heart set
on this.

What
are...

He was
determined to
take on the
winner of the
Games. There
was no stopping
him.



Happy?!!



Too bad
they're all
down for
the count
already.

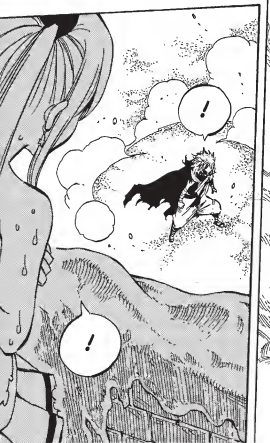


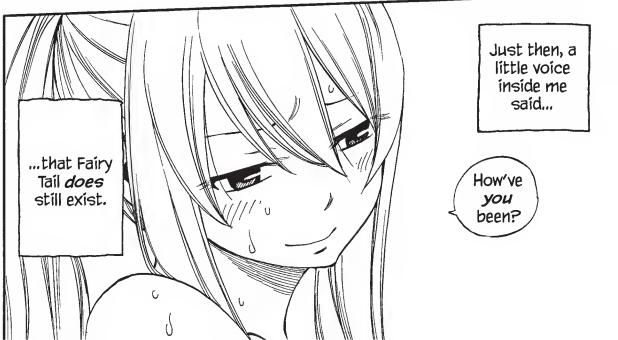
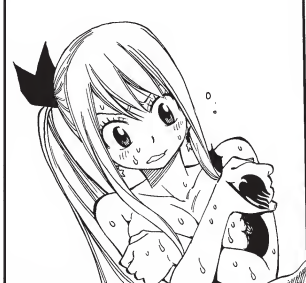
Somebody
stop that
guy!!!!



Who's
next?!!

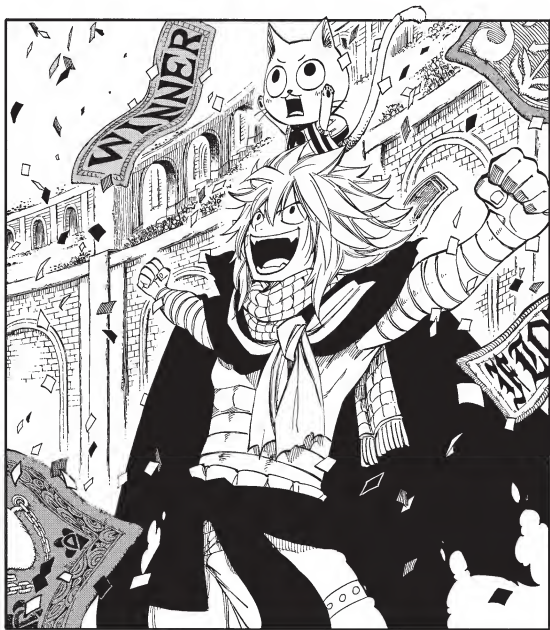
Come
and get
me!!!
Anyone
?!!



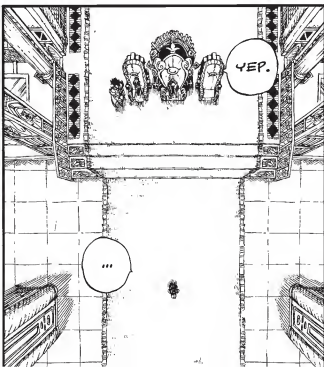
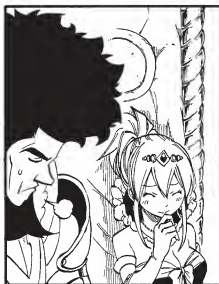
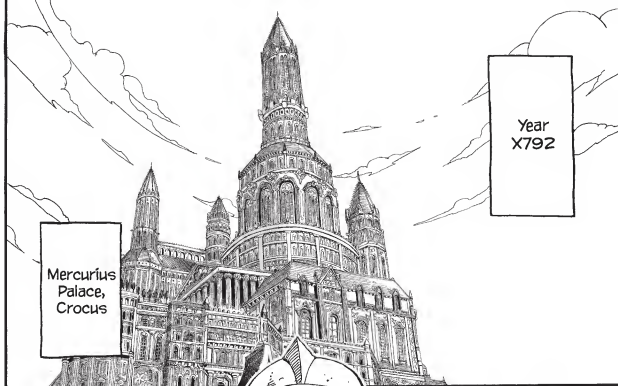


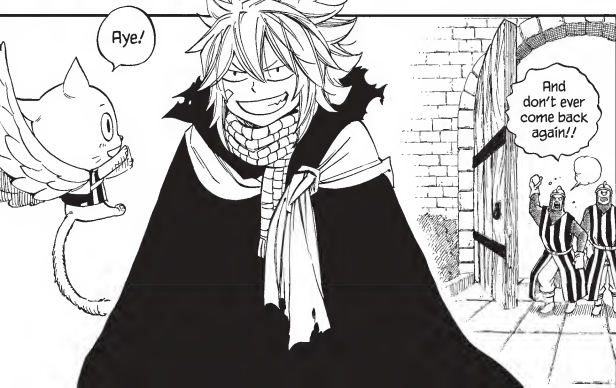
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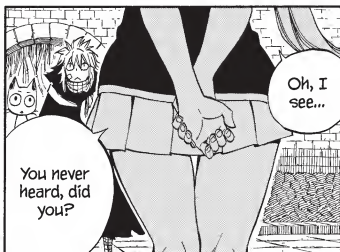
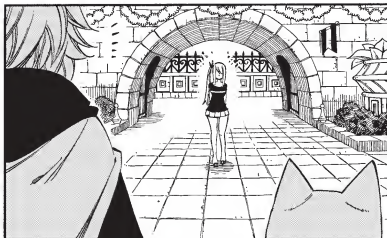
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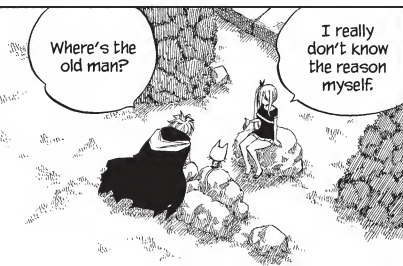
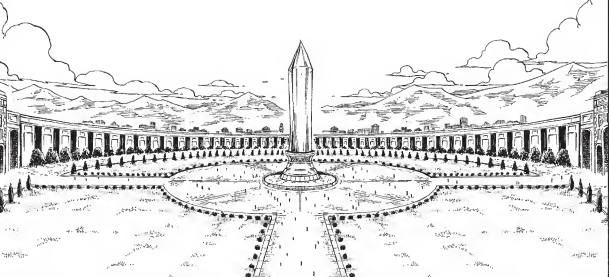


Chapter 419: Message of Fire











At least
leave him his
mustache!

I'm gonna
punch him
out!!!! No... I'll
rip out what's
left of his
hair!!!!



Everybody just
went down their
own paths.

What about
everybody else?!
Where's Erza?!
Where's Gray?!
Where's...

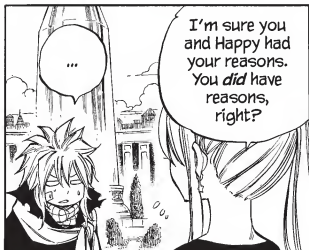
The
master went
missing.



I don't know
about *that*.

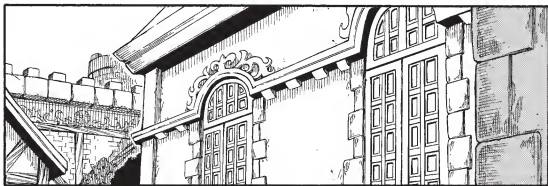
Is everybody
doin' just
fine without
the guild?!

I... I don't
believe it...





Well,
the master
and everyone
else must have
their reasons,
too.

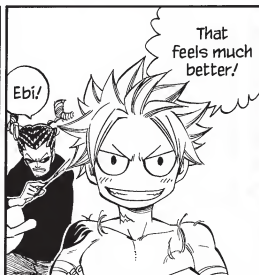


It's a lot closer
to where I work.

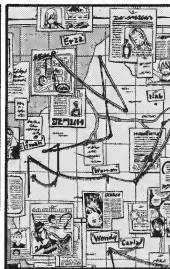


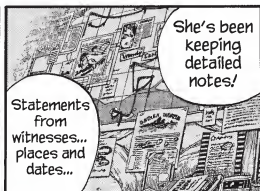
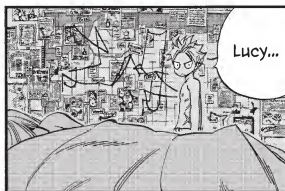
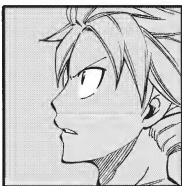
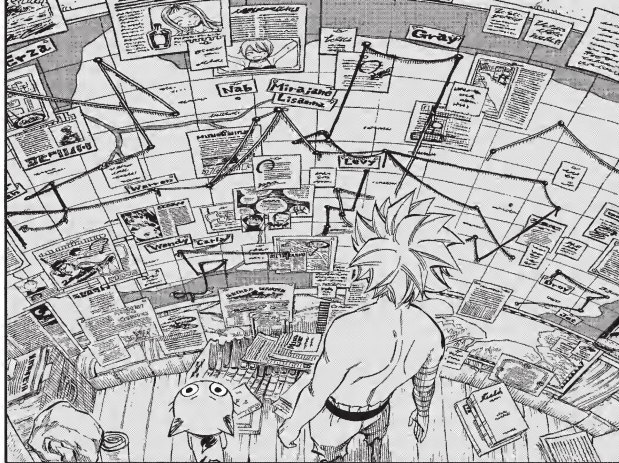
Whoa!! Is
this your
new place,
Lucy?!

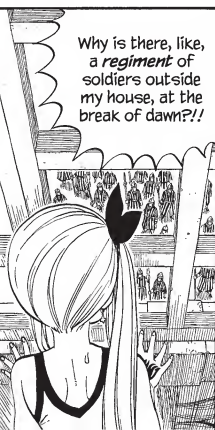
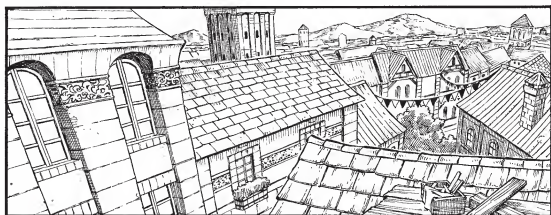
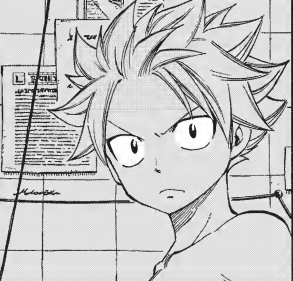
You're
living in
Crocus
now, huh?











Why is there, like, a *regiment* of soldiers outside my house, at the break of dawn?!!



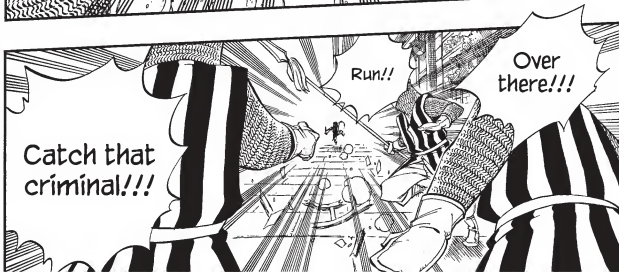
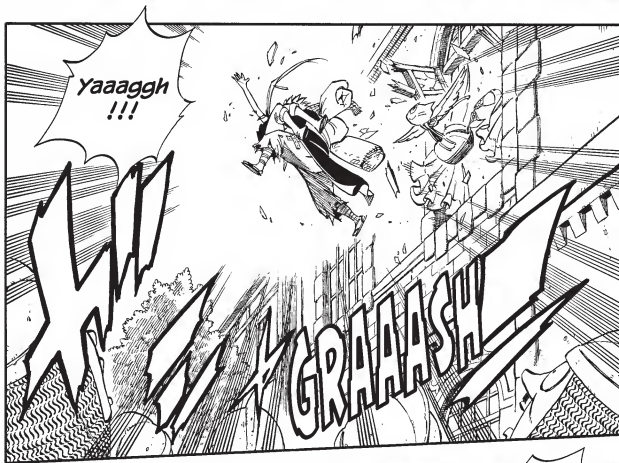
What's going on?

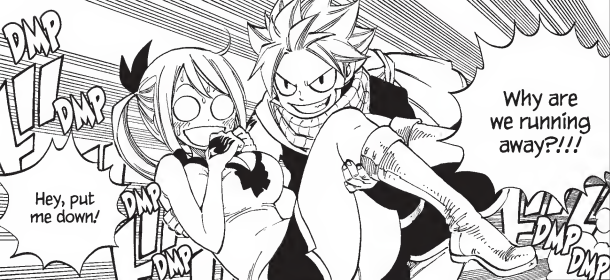
Huh?

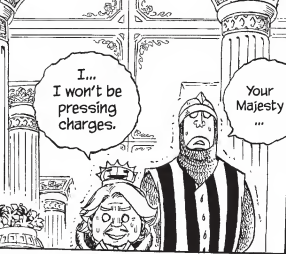


This place here.

Should we just charge in, Captain?







I...
I won't be
pressing
charges.

Your
Majesty
...



Cool!!!
Now
this is
a scoop
!!!!

Fairy
Tail's
coming
back?!!



Good
luck,
Lucy!!

Be cool!



Don't worry!
It's the type of
fire that goes
out pretty
quickly!



I put up a
great big
sign...

FWOON

...
somewhere
it's gonna
get lots of
attention!

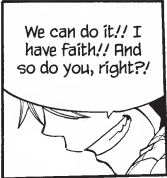
After
him!!

Presently
evading
capture in
the southern
part of town!

We have one
suspect. Natsu
Dragneel!!

Hurry
and put
out that
fire!!

What'd
they do
to the
palace?!



We can do it!! I have faith!! And so do you, right?!



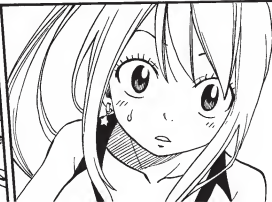
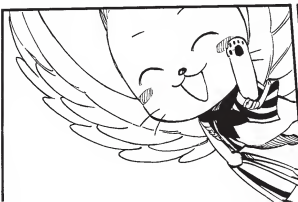
How do you know we can even...

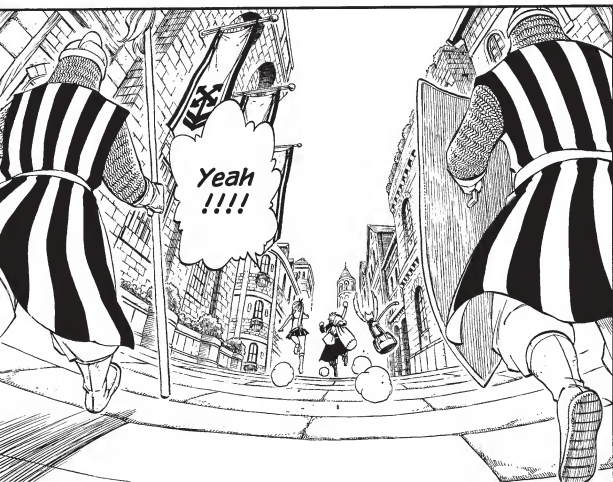
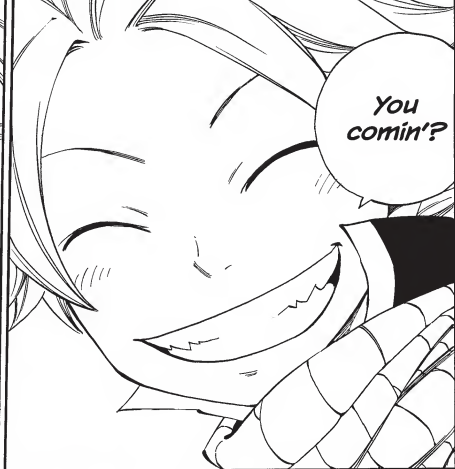
I don't think that's the problem!!



...and start up the guild again!!

We're gonna find everyone...





And that's
how...

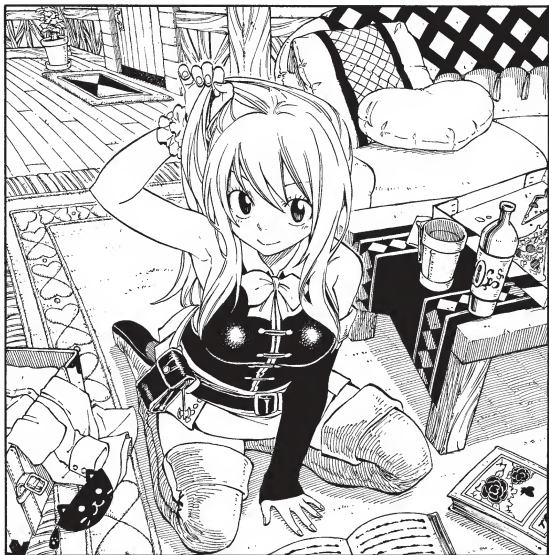
...our
newest
adventure
began!!



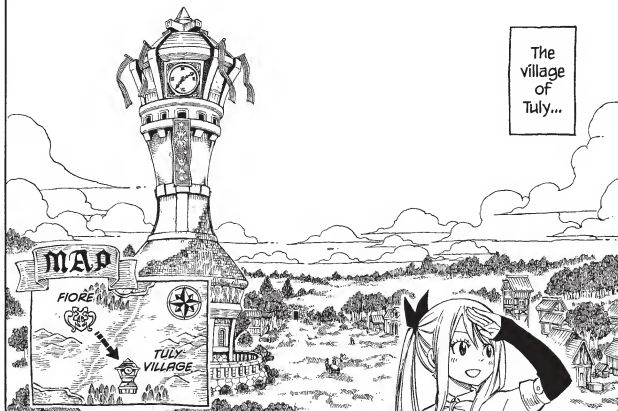
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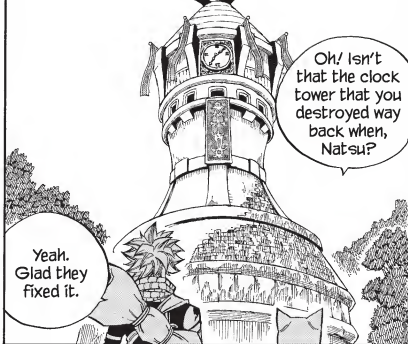
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Chapter 420: Lamia Scale's Thanksgiving Day



The
village
of
Tuly...







OH?

...the truth is, I've been building my strength in secret, too.

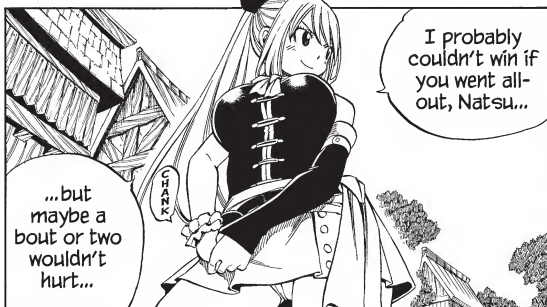
...Actually, much as I'd love to turn you down...



No way.



You'll do, Lucy! Fight me!!



I probably couldn't win if you went all-out, Natsu...

...but maybe a bout or two wouldn't hurt...

CHANK

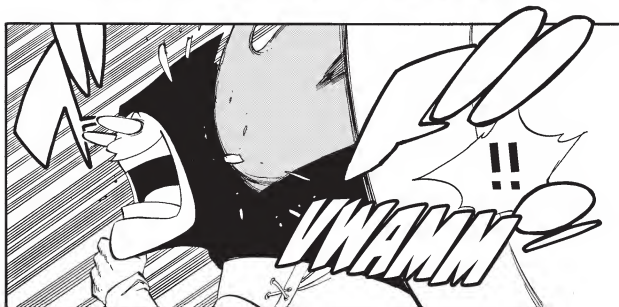


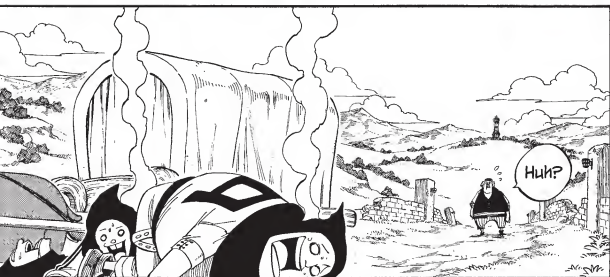
What?

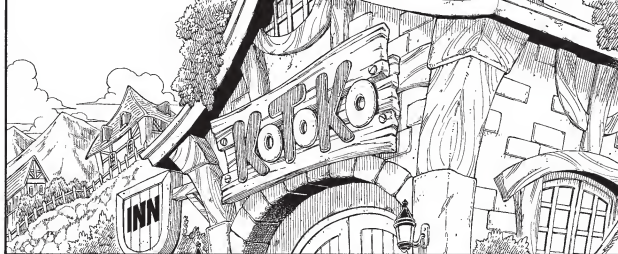
WHOOSH

Hold on a sec.









Of course I tried to check on everybody, but... some of them have been too hard to track down.



You *don't* know where everybody is?!



We're gonna see Lyon and Jura?!

They'll be perfect for testing my strength!

That dog-guy too!

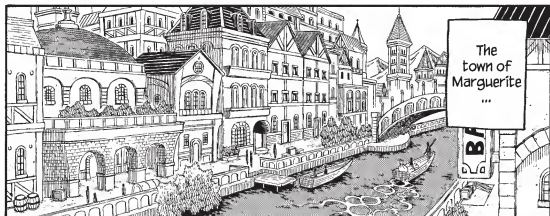
First, we go southeast to the town of Marguerite.

That's where Lamia Scale is.

...who *else*
will be
there?

Yep!

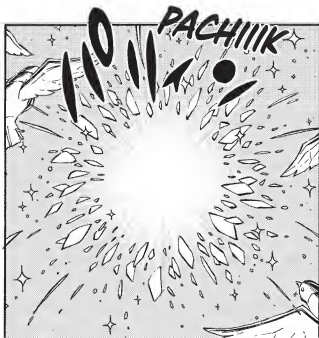
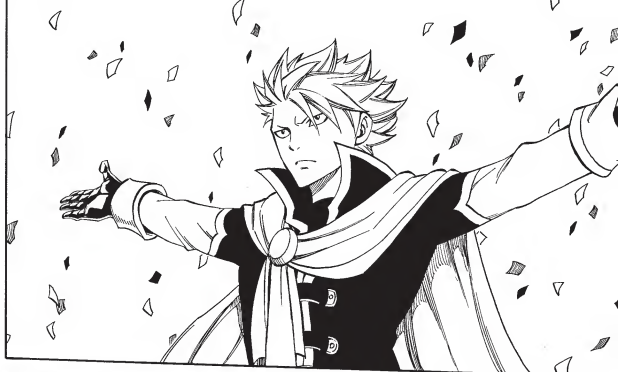
And
can you
guess...

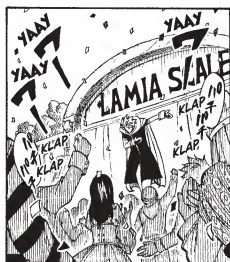


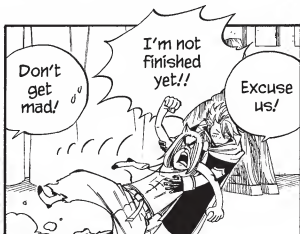
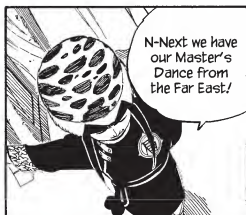
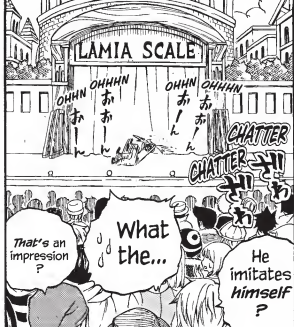
First, we
have our ace
at Lamia
Scale!

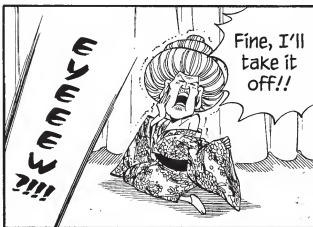
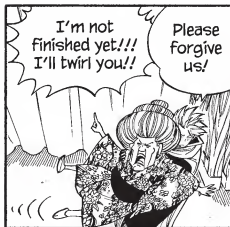
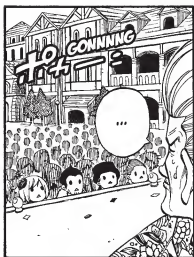
Observe as
Lyon dazzles
you with Ice
Magic!!

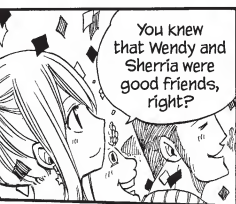
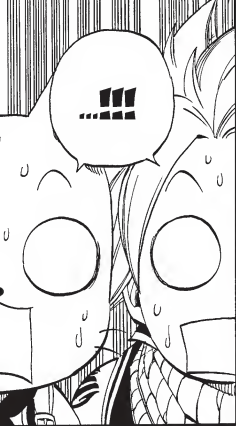




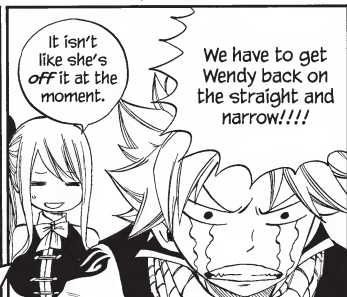
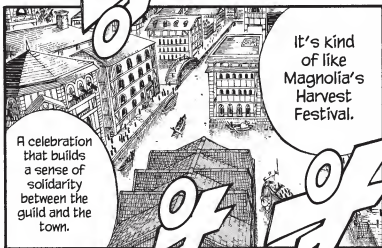


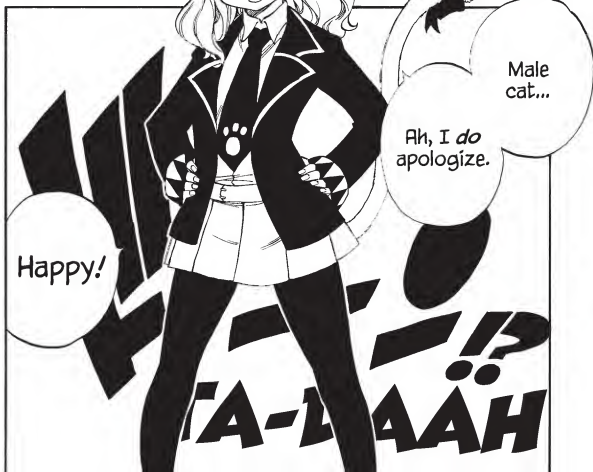
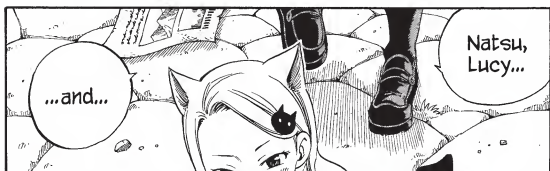
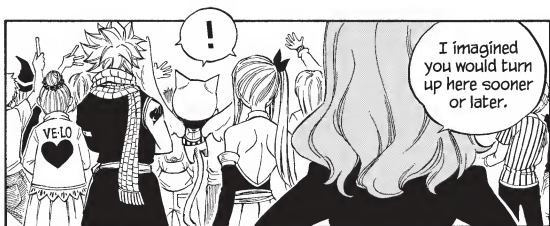


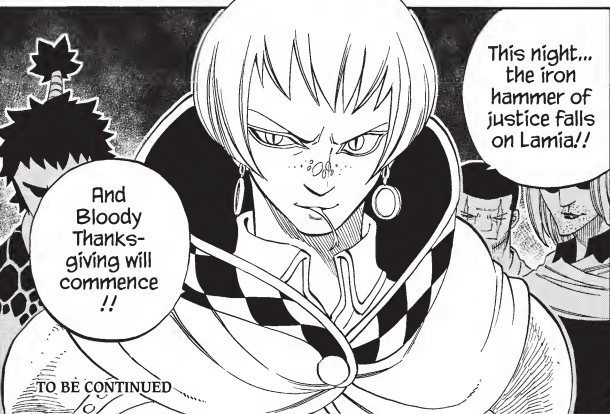
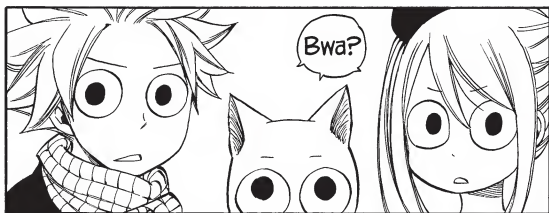












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Afterword

We've safely closed the curtain on the Tartaros Arc and started a brand new one. It's a little late to be saying this, but the Tartaros Arc was planned to be even longer. Well, a lot of things happened, and it was cut short, with three whole enemy characters cut along with it (cries), including a great part for Laxus. It's too bad. In exchange, we decided to make Laxus play a slightly bigger part in the anime. And I'm sure he'll get some great part to play in the new arc, too.

And so... The new arc. Who'd ever think that Fairy Tail would shut down for a whole year? People have changed, and some haven't changed. Actually, thinking while I write this about how people changed is a whole lot of fun!

There were a whole lot of sad parts and dark parts to the Tartaros Arc, so for this new arc, I've been thinking of making "hope" my theme.

So what happens next? Well, I'm actually drawing it from nothing more than a rough outline, so some of this is me feeling my way through it, but you can bet there are going to be some hot plot twists! And if not, I'll make them hot!! Stay tuned!

And so... And so... I've heard from all kinds of people on this thing with Doranbalt where he was always a member of Fairy Tail, and many of the comments were along the lines of, "There should be legal limits to the amount of retconning you can do!!" But to tell you the truth, this has been a planned part of the story for a long time now. Well, to tell you the *real* truth, I never got the chance to foreshadow it, and I wavered back and forth on whether to include it or not. Then suddenly the chance came, and I went for it.

**Wendy and Carla have
become Lamia Scale wizards!!**

I'd
appreciate
it if you
didn't try
to force
her.

And
Lucy-
san, and
Happy
too!!!

Natsu-
san!!!

**It's been a year since Fairy Tail
disbanded, and each member has
headed down their own new path...**

**They're
after the
revival
of Fairy
Tail!!**

**I'm in
Fairy
Tail!!!!**

There appears,
in the Village of
the Rainbringer, a
heart-sick Juvia!! What
change has come over
her beloved Gray...?!

GRIN

FAIRY TAIL
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**ON SALE
SEPT. 2015!!**

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真島ヒロ

FROM HIRU MASHIMA



I didn't realize it, but it suddenly dawned on me that this is the 49th volume, and with the next one, it'll be 50!

It surprises even me!

I really didn't intend for it to go on this long, but the whole reason it's been able to continue like this is thanks to all of you!

With the new *Fairy Tail* series, there have been rumors that *Fairy Tail* is headed toward its final chapter, but in this volume we start a brand-new story arc!

We've still got a long way to go!

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.



Page 96, Etherious

This was mentioned in the notes for Vol. 47, but there was a misunderstanding of the spelling of Etherious. While translating the first stories in which the word appeared, and with no explanation of what the word meant, I gave it the spelling I thought best suited the concept (and, as you might imagine, Hiro Mashima is far too busy to explain things to translators of every language). So it turned out that I misspelled Etherious in early printings of some previous volumes and the online publication. As you can see here, Etherious is meant to be spelled with an "E" at the beginning of it. I apologize for any confusion.

Page 70, Ebi

As related in the notes for Vol. 2, Cancer is, of course, a crab, and since crabs in children's manga, anime, and some fairy tales end their sentences with the Japanese word for crab, *kani*, everyone expected Cancer to do the same. But instead, Cancer ends all his sentences with *ebi*, the Japanese word for "shrimp." He probably does this simply to be perverse.



Page 122, Dullahan Head

A dullahan is a wraith out of Irish mythology that is probably the basis for the Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow fame. A dullahan is a large black-clad rider on horseback who whips its horse with a whip made from a human spine. In its other hand, it carries its severed head, which illuminates the dark roads that it haunts with light that comes from its eyes. Also, its mouth is split from ear-to-ear, so a jack-o-lantern is actually a pretty good representation of a dullahan's head.



Page 136, Scarmiglione

Scarmiglione is one of the demons called Malebranche ("evil claws") from Dante's *Inferno*. They are assigned to the eighth circle of hell, where Scarmiglione tortures corrupt politicians by sinking them into boiling pitch. The Japanese kanji for "poison ogre's fang" doesn't seem to match Dante, but it could refer to the Scarmiglione villain from the *Final Fantasy* series. The one in *Final Fantasy IV* looks like a demon with enormous fangs.

Page 178, Kotoko Inn

The Kotoko Inn that Natsu, Happy and Lucy stayed at is a tribute to one of the singers in the idol group Nogizaka 46, Kotoko Sasaki. Apparently she is a fan of *Fairy Tail* and writes short comments on many of the new volumes on her blog when they come out. Hiro Mashima noticed, and they met in person.



BASED ON
A STORY BY

**HIRO
MASHIMA**

MANGA BY

**RUI
WATANABE**

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ON SALE AUG. 2015!



THIS TIME,
I'LL SHOW
EVERYONE
THAT I CAN
DO THIS
JOB ON MY
OWN!

YOU'RE
SUCH A
WORRYWART,
CARLA! I'LL
BE FINE!
BETTER
THAN
FINE!!

BETTER
HOW?

LIKE
I SAID,
JUST
FINE!!



SO...

WENDY
...

BUT I
WANT
TO WALK
BACK
INTO THE
GUILD...

UP TO
NOW, I'VE
BEEN A
COMPLETE
FAILURE,
ALWAYS
RELYING
ON OTHER
PEOPLE
TO RESCUE
ME!

...AND
PROCLAIM
TO EVERY-
BODY THAT
I'M A PROUD
MEMBER
OF FAIRY
TAIL!



I'M
GOING
TO GIVE
THIS MY
BEST...

YOU'LL
COME
WITH ME,
RIGHT,
CARLA?

DON'T
BE A
FOOL!

I'M ALWAYS
WITH YOU
EVERYWHERE,
AREN'T I?



...SOME
JOB WE
CAN DO
ON OUR
OWN.

WE
START
WITH...

BLISSH
TWIRL

SO DON'T
GIVE ME
THAT, "I'M
ABOUT
TO CRY"
FACE!

I'M NOT
DOING
THAT
EITHER!





**I
KNOW!
I
WON'T!**

**DON'T
YOU DARE
LOSE YOUR
TICKET!**

**I'M A
DRAGON
SLAYER
WIZARD WHO
DOES SKY
MAGIC.**

**AND THE
JOB OF
WIZARDS
IS TO GO OUT
AND SOLVE
PROBLEMS
AFTER A
REQUEST
HAS BEEN
SENT TO
OUR GUILD.**

HELP

WENDY
...

YEP!

**THIS
IS THE
REQUEST
WE'RE
WORKING
ON THIS
TIME?**



MY NAME IS AGON, OF A
PLACE CALLED NANALU.

THEY
ONLY
WANTED
DRAGON
SLAYERS, SO
I HAVE TO
SHOW WHAT
A DRAGON
SLAYER CAN
DO!

WE NEED HELP IN
SOLVING A CREEPY
PHENOMENON THAT
OCCURS IN OUR
VILLAGE.

HOWEVER...



I HOPE IT
ISN'T TOO
SCARY...

I WON-
DER WHAT
"CREEPY
PHENOM-
ENON"
MEANS...

HI
HI
HI
RUSTLE

.....
HEY!



WHY ARE
YOU NOT
MAKING EYE
CONTACT
WITH
ME?

SURE,
I'M
SURE!

...MAY-
BE.

THIS
ISN'T A
ROAD
ANY-
MORE,
WENDY!

ARE
YOU
SURE
WE'RE
GOING
THE
RIGHT
WAY?

SHU-
SHUUSH

DON'T
RUN!
YOU'LL
TRIP ON
SOME-
THING!!

WAAAH!

BUT I
KNOW
THIS
IS THE
RIGHT
DIRECTION!!

SHEEEEEN

WOOO~!





LOOK,
CARLA!
IT'S
NANALU
VILLAGE!

WHAT A
WONDERFUL
PLACE,
AND SO
ROMANTIC!

ADMIT
IT! YOU
WERE
LOST!

F!

WHAM

?!



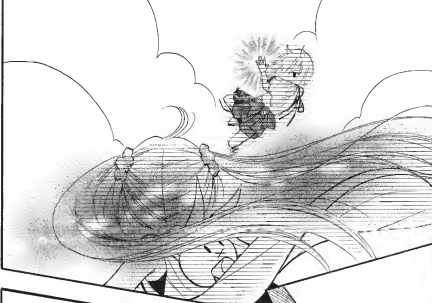
URG
...

WHY?!

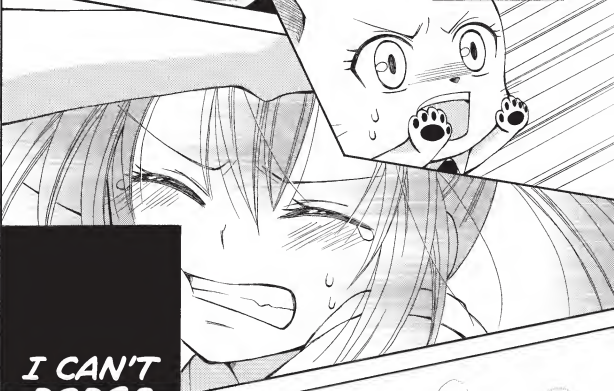
I DIDN'T
DO ANY-
THING
WRONG
...

**WENDY
!!**

SKRRCH



NO!



**I CAN'T
DODGE
IT...**



AAAAA!



B-BMP
B-BMP

EH...?

Aw,
man!

WHY
COULDN'T
I DO IT?!

THAT'S
WHY I
HATE
TRYING
TO DO
ATTACK
MAGIC!

HEY,
WAIT!

**YOU'RE
A LITTLE
KID!!**



GONNNNG

ほのかーん

WELL
SO
ARE
YOU!



If I had
damaged
the looks
of a young
unmarried
girl, what'd
happen
then?!

WHAT'LL
I DO?
HOW CAN
I APOLO-
GIZE
?!

A-A-A-A-A!

...OH, I
KNOW!



I'M FINE,
IF THAT'S
WHAT
YOU'RE
WORRIED
ABOUT.

I'M
SORRY!
I'M
REALLY,
REALLY
SORRY!

WITH
ALL THE
WEIRD THINGS
GOING ON IN
THE VILLAGE
LATELY, WE'VE
ALL TURNED
VERY SUSPI-
CIOUS!

**CONTINUED IN
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